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# I Leveled Up From Being A Parasite, But I May Have Grown Too Much

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# Synopsis

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Caught up in a ritual performed by a God in another world, Eiji Choukai is transported to another world.

The otherworldly God responsible for the ritual looked at Eiji potential incarnations, they pulled out Classes like those from “I reincarnated into a vending machine”, but whereas there are normally several tens of Classes available for a person, the only Class available for Eiji was “Parasite”.

Having no choice but that one set-in-stone Class, Eiji reincarnates into his new world despondent.

However, after using his powers he suddenly realized its potential.

Using the parasite’s powers, he finds he can amplify himself countless times by obtaining other people’s powers.

It could be that Eiji’s level might rise too much.

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# Chapter 1: I Was Transferred

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In a certain day of a weekday, I was in my room sitting in front of the computer.

I'm not a student having a long vacation, and neither a worker who is resting in weekdays due to being absent at work. I'm not in a night shift or in paid holidays, and I'm not even a house-husband.

I have more than 20 years and I don't have any occupation. After several years since I graduated, it didn't cross his mind even once about wanting to work in some place or study something.

In short, I, Choukai Eiji, I'm a neet.

「Fuu」

Even if I browse through every website, this has already tired me. I throw my body on my bed.

When I think again about it, I realize that I was a neet for a long time.

What started this was the inability to obtain employment.

Even if I apply to any company, how many times I've failed in every interview after interview.

And not only in some company entrance test, but in thing called stress interview, in that my spirit was shattered. My heart of glass was getting more and more damage, and at last it was smashed up.

I abandoned the job hunting.

It's not like if I can't do it this year then I wouldn't be able to do it throughout all my life. It's good if I do it when the circumstances improve, that's what I told to my family.

Luckily or unlucky, the economic situation of my family allows them to feed me if it was only my food expenses. I was able to live as parasite of my own family.

And like it was expected, I was standing here as I wasn't able to find work even after many years, This lazy way of living is comfortable, I don't feel like getting out after being totally immersed in it.

I don't work, I don't move my feet to look for a job, and I don't receive education as well. That's why, right now I'm filling all the requirements to be completely a neet.

「From now on, what I am going to do?」

Lying on the bed, I muttered like it was somebody else's problem.

I felt an unexpectedly and intense sudden gust as if was an attack, and then, I was in a white space.

「Eh?」

I was certain that I was lying on the bed of my room?

Here, where is this?

「Ah, you have awoken」

When I notice, even though I don't know what happened, I find myself in a white space.

I was looking around restlessly in this white space where there is nothing.

And like I didn't notice her, a woman was standing there.

The one who talked surely was this person. Because there is no one else.

When I stand up, I look again at this woman.

Pink hair? Are you using a wig or have you dyed it?

No, I don't feel that from her. She has a pretty color with a natural feeling.

As for her hairstyle, her hair is hanging and tied at the sides of her face. When she moves her eyes from the hair on her face, I feel a extremely strong-willed features on her face.

And then, her clothes... Eh, what, what about those clothes.

I don't know if it would be okay to say it, her white clothes were wrapped around her, like the people from the ancient Greece were dressed, and I'm certain these people dressed up with something like a toga, but if I'm careless I will be pushed out to say everything, and because it's transparent, it's indeed wonderful.

It's splendid... However, towards a neet who had no contact with the opposite sex, this is really stimulating.

「Excuse me~, are you there. Are you awake?」

「Ha! Ah, yes. I'm awake and I didn't see anything」

「Yes? I didn't ask you if you're seeing something or not. Rather, I'm talking so please pay attention」

「Ah, yes」

Again, I turn my face towards the direction of the voice. After having replied I calmed down a little, and even more after breathing deeply.

「That's right, this is not the time to think things like if I see it or not. Where I am? You know something? I'm certain that I was in my house, so what is happening? 」

「Ah, well, to put it in simple words, you were blow off from your world」

「Eh? Blown off-」

「By the way, I am a goddess, the goddess Rux. Horumu- From your point of view, it's a different world. I'm the goddess from such world, Horumu. Nice to meet you, human of Jaza」

「A, a different world?」

After the self introduction of the self-proclaimed goddess, she explained the situation to me.

According to her, it seems that there is a different world to the

world in which I lived.

And to keep the world in a normal condition, the two worlds need to circulate from time to time something called 『Spirit』. Otherwise, it will rot like a river where the flow was stopped, it will become something not good.

In that case, the boundary of both worlds will have a temporary hole, and sometimes, the ones who were involved, the people or things will be swallowed up by that hole. And if that happens, they would go to the other world.

–Hey.

「Wait a second, so you are saying that I will be swallowed up as replacement for that ‘spirit’」

「That’s the correct answer! I didn’t believe, but there are people like you, ehehe」

「Don’t say ‘Ehehe’! Please, return me to my place right now」

I don’t want to go to that kind of world where I don’t understand anything at all, my bed and my computer are a necessity for me.

But, the goddess Rux putting both hands together with a ‘Pa’, bowed.

「I’m sorry but that is impossible!」

「Impossible!?!」

「Originally, a border is something that it shouldn’t be open at all between both worlds, and I’ll be in trouble if the world is mixed even more. But if I leave it in this way, it will rot, so I don’t have any other choice but to open it a bit, and it’s better if I don’t open it too often」

「However, I think that is also necessary for me to return」

「Because the whole world is at stake, even to open it for a sole person it’s impossible, think about it. Moreover, because the world has a hole is that I have to use more energy, and even if I want to



open it I can't for the moment」

The goddess shocks her head without missing a second.

I want to say because of who is that I have to be dragged into this, but it's true that when you compare the two worlds, a person is light as a feather. Moreover, I'm a neet, I'm a existence even more light than dust, hahaha...

I feel like I fell into a masochistic mood, and it has been darkening gradually.

Even if I, who is like a parasite neet disappears, it's difficult to think that the world is going to be troubled.

And then, the goddess looked down at my face.

「E,excuse me, you don't have to be so depressed. Sorry, um, It would have been better if I had thought a better way to tell you this, yes.」

Eh?

It's unexpected but it can be that this goddess it's a good person?

「Even I'm not a demon, I thought about it completely」

「You thought about it, what did you thought?」

When I raise my head, the goddess with an expression of being totally relieved, nodded.

And then, she folded her arms and once more she had a confident face.

「I can't return you to your world, but instead I can make so you don't have any inconvenient in living there. This is the moment, listen and be amazed!」

According to the goddess.

The other world Horumu has things like magic and skills.

The people in Horumu devotes oneself to study so to wake oneself potential, to awaken a class. And by polishing this class,

you can obtain skills. And using those skills helps you in the various settings of your daily life.

Normally each person only has one class, and also there is no lack of people who didn't awake their class. The ones who have two classes are even more rare, if you have three then you are a worldwide genius. With her power, the goddess, is going to let me adquire three classes that I like.

「I could become an olympic athlete, scholar, and pianist, that's amazing」

「Fufufu, it's easy, easy, to pull out the latent potential of a person with my power. That's why if you have that latent power, even if you are in a unknow world you would be able to live without problems. How magnificent could be that!」

Saying that she puts air of importance, then Rux presses her index finger against my nose. She is the type that has annoying reactions, this goddess.

「There is also a compound skill」

「Compound... I understand, depending on how two classes are well matched, I can learn new skills. For example, with the swordsman and a mage, a magic sword」

「O, Oh. You are sharp. It's like what you say, it's an area which not an ordinary person can reach with their classes. When you reach that place at last, you will have acquired a super strong compound skill. Nevertheless, where did you learn that」

「I have read a manual」

Of course, that is a joke, but if we are talking about skills and classes, then this is my strong point. It's not for nothing that I was an indoor neet for many years!

The goddess looked slowly at my surroundings feeling admiration for me, while observing me. Being observed while she changes her angles, it's a feast for my eyes, a feast.

But at that moment, I start thinking seriously.

I don't have any other choice but to go to a different world. If that's the case, I have to go at least with the best possible conditions. Let's work hard in choosing them.

I'd be lying if I said that I don't have any attachment towards my former world, but maybe I was wishing for such opportunity from the bottom of my heart. An opportunity to take a new step towards my stagnating days. Whatever it might be.

That's why—.

「Rux, give my class fast, I will make the best combination possible!」

「Ooh ooh, you're so greedy, this person. I like you to be the selfish type, Its helps me greatly and it's easy to understand. Then I will begun to search the possibilities of Eiji.This will hurt, like a electric shock, but if you are a man, then you will endure it」

When saying so, she holds up her hand in my chest, and from her palm light overflows covering my body with it. Ooh, it's really like the power of a god.

It doesn't matter how I see it, I'm older than her, but well, she is a god, and even a man like me can see that her true age is closely to that of a grandmother.

「You said something?」

「Eh? No, no, I didn't say anything」

「I felt like I heard something, but, well, it doesn't matter. ... Good, I found it!」

The light disappears with the goddess's words, and similar to the windows of the games, an image appeared in the air. I understood, here are the possibilities of my class, the magic and even the skills. I will be glad if I can get used to them easily.

First, at the top of the window, what was displayed is 【Parasite】

such words.

It doesn't have a good sound but, even if I have that possibility it's not like I have to choose it, so there is not problem.

There is even a considerably big blank space in the window, from now on they will keep coming, and it will be good if I chose something more stylish and helpful.

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「It's time, choose」

Next to the window which has the flashy blank space, was the expressionless face of the goddess.

「Umm, even if you tell me to choose, there is only one option and nothing more. There is nothing aside of parasite. If I remember correctly, you said to choose from all the possibilities that I liked-」

「From among all」

The goddess awkwardly declared.

「From among all. This is. Your potential」

「..... It's a joke, right?」

The goddess shakes her head.

And together her hair also shakes.

In this white world, the pink hair looks very pretty... Wait.

「At first you said I could pick three!? So that means that usually there are more than three!?」

Surely the usual is to have 5, or even 6, if not it would not be possible to choose.

And despite that, I only have one possibility, there has to be

something wrong.

「Yes, from the people who were dragged up, they have roughly 30 talents more or less」

More than I thought.

So if the normal is to have 30 and I only have 1, then my talent is not awful?

This is really bad, super bad, in the opposite is also bad. That my vocabulary is so poor is also bad.

「To be honest, I was also surprised. That exists a man with so little potential...」

In similar way, the goddess was also greatly perplexed.

And to think that I thought that I was a little decent man. Ahahahaha-.

「That's right! With your powers is not possible to give at least two more abilities?」

「That's impossible」

An immediate response.

「There are some things that even a god can't do. If you had a little bit more of talent, then I would have been able to draw some more talents. But you don't have any talent. Not even a little, nothing. No matter how many times you pull out zero it will be always zero」

I lost my words.

I was certain that I can no longer be helped.

If even a god cannot do something about my talent, then what can I do about it?

She grips her fist firmly and said strongly.

「It doesn't matter how much you bet on, zero will always be zero」



「It's already good, don't say it anymore!」

Sigh. It doesn't matter how hard I struggle, I don't have more than one possibility.

Moreover, a parasite = parasitism, It's really what I am.

Despite being the truth I don't get angry.

「Well, it's like that, let's bravely give up. And look, you are man」

「If you think because I'm a man I will endure everything, then you're making a big mistake」

But, well, if you think about it, it's better to have a talent than nothing.

She said, that if you have at least one class you will not pass a bad time. At least I could get one class, and even if I'm average, I will be able to survive in a way or another. That's right, what I have to do is to think about the future.

「But well, that's right. I don't have any other choice but to do it. Good, Rux. Please pull out the class called parasite」

「Well said! This is the first time I see this class so I don't know what will happen, but, here we go...!」

I felt as if Rux said that without hesitation, But without being able stop her, again she placed her hand on my chest. Then the soft light wrapped me.

I felt like something was arising from inside of my body, the light was becoming more and more strong, and the white space was becoming more and more dark and then, the white was dyed completely.

## Chapter 2: The Other World Horumu

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When I noticed, I was in the outskirts of some forest.

When I look to my surroundings, I noticed that behind me there were only trees standing side by side, and at front a extremely long grasslands expanding upwards on the road.

This is, the other world Horumu?

At that moment, a dragonfly of over 60 cm of length and with six wings, while flapping its wings vividly, flew towards me.

This is a different world, this place.

「Now that I reached this point, I don't have other choice but to do it」

After I resolve myself, I get up.

But at that time, I noticed that a letter and a bag had fallen on my feet. In the letter 『Read it as soon you wake up! Rux』 was written.

『Good morning, Eiji. I'm sure there are many things that you don't know, so I will teach you about Horumu. First, you have to pray in your mind to see your status』

You've even written a letter for me?

Now that you mention it, I was told many things about the transfer, but I didn't hear anything about what will happen after that. Let's read it seriously.

Let me see, to see the status I only have to pray in my mind.

Status, status, status——.

「Ooh! Something came!」

When praying, an image appeared in the air.

And there, this was written.

【Name】 Eiji=Choukai

【Class】 Parasite 1

【Stamina】 25

【Strength】 20

【Defense】30

【Magic】 40

【Magic power】 35

【Magic resistance】 45

【Agility】 40

【Skill】 Parasite

Uwaa... It's true, my class is a parasite.

When I look again at my class I think it's really cruel, for my class to be parasite, even I want to argue that I have at least a fifth of a soul.

My name is, well, it's simple.

The order of the name and how it's written has to be the style of this world.

What follows is the ability... I don't understand it very well. Even if I see the numbers, I can't say that somehow I understand the general level.

But what I can say that I understood somehow is that my magic specs are better than my body specs. Of course I don't have stamina, I'm a neet belonging to the indoor faction, a frail child.

What could be the parasite skill?

It's the same for the class, but I don't understand very well the effect.

Just like the time when I tried to open the status, I try to pray in my mind on the ability called parasite, and then my right hand started to shine.

「Oh, something came out! ...Eh?」

Even after not knowing what to do about my shining hand, the light of my hand eventually disappeared. What is happening.

Even if I try to pray, it didn't appear any explanation about the skill. What type of skill I would be able to learn in the future or even the details about it, it seems that is useless, even I can't get to learn the minor details.

Let's see, I know that is the skill of a parasite, and judging from the name, it has to have some type of parasitic effect.

So that means, from what I understood, it's that I need to touch something with my shining hand to parasitize something, maybe. I don't understand what kind of situation I need to use this parasite thing but I will try to use it if I find a person. If I say parasite, there are two type of impressions, the money ones and the one in the houses, that's why there is no meaning if it's not a person.

After I thought for a while about the lowest definition possible, I kept reading the letter.

『Were you able to do it?? In this world you will always be able to make visible your own ability. By the way, I'm sure you have realized, to use your ability or your space bag you only need to pray in your mind, that's why, pray! But if you are not accustomed, you may use your voice. I left the space bag together with the letter, you can use it without reservation.』

I lower my glance to my feet and there it was a small bag.

After picking up the bag, I read the letter, and it seems to be a tool to store various things. When I try to peek inside, I realized that is like the outer space. It's like it were trying to swallow me up, it's scary.

According to the explanation, if I want to know what it's inside I only need to pray and then it would be displayed to me like the status window.

And according to the letter, there are many drinks, food and even clothes stored there. Immediately, I put my hand in the bag, and then I start to pray about wanting to take out some clothes.

Soon, I start to feel the texture of clothes in my palm, and what came out was clothes and shoes.

Oh, this is convenient.

This is the moment when I took notice that magic exist in this world.

This seems to be really interesting, and so for the first time in a while I started to feel excited while I change my clothes and for the ones that I was wearing recently, they were stored in the bag.

The displayed clothes has become something different. Not only letters, the images are also included Ooh, this is useful, useful.

『Were you able to use it properly? The contents of the bag are my offerings to you, so you don't have to worry and receive them without reservation, it's an extra service.』

That means, these are offerings.

If she is a god, then it's natural to receive offerings, but, yes, it's good to receive them?

『It's normal that the ones who were dragged up to this world can awake three classes, but Eiji only has only one, that's why... Sorry ><。 But, I think you'll be fine one way or another so please, don't be so discouraged. Because here is also a good place』

...She is such a nice gal, this Rux.

She even wrote this letter for me, and Rux isn't the one to blame but me, the one who have only one class, and because she thought I would have hard times ahead she gave me tools. In one way or another, she is worried about me.

However, her writing is not very pretty.

After that, I began to read what's left of the letter, and when I



reach the end, she ended it as follows.

『Then. do your best, Eiji. I will act as a god should be and I will be watching over you. P.S. If you happen to see one of my shrines give me a prayer of thanks. Because I'll be watching you』

「Oh, oh, it's scary, scary. ...Well, let's get going slowly. Even she said that this is a good place, I will fully enjoy it, this world」

And so, I I took a step forward in this other world, Horumu.

# Chapter 3: Main Road And The Outskirts Of Laurel

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As soon as I left the forest, I came across the main road. I went walking to the left.

On the way I got hungry, I took out a hard bread from the space bag and I started to eat it. Though I do not know the exact moment in which she placed it, it's possible to eat it normally. It seems that his bag works as storage to preserve food. This is useful.

Even after walking for a while I didn't have any problem, and in the end I reached a town.

If there is a main road then that means that there is a town, it was closer than what I expected, my luck is good. It's good that I was not transferred to a desert, really.

There are many stone buildings aligned side by side and there is a road in which the ground was leveled. This townscape seems like the ones from the Middle Ages, the fantasy ones.

There isn't asphalt or concrete, walking in this type of scenery is interesting. I went rarely for a walk even in my former world, so to speak I'm going to pretend that it doesn't bother me anymore at my age.

At any rate, walking around the town, I continued exploring the looks of the town of this world.

The traffic of the main street was so-so, their clothes were the same that I was wearing. Luckily, I didn't feel out of place.

Something I'm curious about are the people who often are passing around me, having a sword in their waist, holding a spear or wearing a helmet. According to the letter, not only skills and magic, it seems that also there exist in this world monsters and dungeons, and around here is a place where there are a considerable amount of monsters.

When you hear monsters or dungeons you will get excited, but a nothing but a parasite and incompetent person like me, it's better if I don't meet many of them.

By the way, it seems that as you defeat monsters your class level will rise. And also there exist monsters made up of power in which it can be helpful for your class.

There are a considerable number of shops facing the street, there are even street stalls.

I tried as experiment buying something in one of those stalls. The price was 5 copper coins.

The money here is copper coins, light copper coins, silver coins, light silver coins, gold coins, light gold coins, there exist six types. The light copper coin is worth ten copper coins, the silver coin is ten light copper coins and the light silver coin is... Every coin is worth at least 10 times more. This was also written in the letter of Rux. Recently, the monetary offering is insufficient, I complain saying together that there is not enough faith.

In the letter was also written that I would be able to communicate with others, and it seems that there is not problem at all in reading or speaking.

The price of the fruit, and all the others, I judge the price with the goods that other stalls were selling, Copper coin→20 yen

Light copper coin→200 yen

Silver coin→2000 yen

Light silver coin→20000 yen

Gold coin→200000 yen

Light gold coin→2000000 yen

More or less this price?

It's not like the prices of this world are tightly matched with the prices of my former world but, there it seems to be a difference of

1/2-3 times.

What I have right now in my hands are, 57 copper coins, 87 light copper coins, 37 silver coins, 6 light silver coins and 1 gold coin.

I have enough so for the time being I will not have any problem living for enough time.

But if I have to say otherwise, I will have no money after a while, I will be forced to do something to earn money, isn't right?

But earning money seems to be very difficult, it's still okay if I do not think about it for the moment.

Wandering around the town while displaying my thoughts of neet, I understood to a certain extent the structure of the town. And about time, my stomach got hungry.

This may be the right time.

I want to experiment with my skills as quickly as possible. The only strength I have in this world.

I entered comfortably into a restaurant.

It might be time, there was a certain amount of people coming, it was crowded with people.

It seems that I will be able to do it.

I sat in an empty seat.

I told my order to the waiter, and until my meal arrives I put my plan into practice.

I start to pray, and my skill parasite was activated.

And like the last time my hand was covered with light. It's likely that if I touch someone with my shining hand, that person will, with my parasite—the parasitism will be put into action.

If you speak about a typical neet like parasite, then is money. That means that if I parasitism a guest which came here, somebody will pay for my lunch fees? Or in another meaning, they would

give me money? I think so.

If that's the case, I will be able to live without the preoccupation of not having money. This skill was perfectly made for me. Even if I say that, this is a quite awful idea. Now it's the time, let's make someone treat me the lunch.

After being in high spirits for a moment, I calmed down.

If you think about it, touching somebody could be really difficult. If a stranger suddenly touch you it would be strange, I don't have other choice but to touch someone stealthily. But if the other party is a woman, I have the worry of being detained as a pervert. No, there is no difference if the other party is a man.

Ye~s, I have no choice but to make it look like an accident.

I look around the store, I have my eyes at the next table where there is a man eating alone. I left my seat, while heading towards there.

「I'm sorr~y, clerk-san, an additional... Waa!」

While trying to call the clerk to stop, my body loses its balance on purpose, and like I were trying to support me, I put my hand on the back of that man.

That man looks toward my face, glaring me.

「I'm sorry, I seem to have fallen and interrupted your lunch...」

I bow with an apologetic face, and the man after a 'Hmpf' snorted, the man returns to his meal.

All looks good.

I was able to touch him.

The golden light of my hand which was placed in his back connected with him.

This is surely, the proof of parasitism.

If no one is saying anything, it means that only I can recognize



the skill, it may be the proof of parasitize someone.

And to the clerk who came, I told him that I liked my food roasted, so I asked him to do it more burned, and then I returned to my table.

After the meal is normally finished, the infected man stopped moving.

Oh, he got up from his seat.

Now, waiting to see how he it's going to move, suddenly the man went to pay for my launch... Of course not, hey. It's more, he is leaving the store. Wait a moment!

I finished paying my bill with great haste, and then I went after the traces of the man, and after I found the man, I chased him, This is strange, what is happening.

So far, the thread of light that is extending from the back of the man has yet to disappear, that's why the skill has to be active. But nothing is happening. For now I can't do anything but to observe the situation, after taking distance, I keep following the man.

The man continues walking for a long time on the street. In between a shop and a street that we happen to pass not long ago, the man passed through and I followed him. After pursuing the man for a reasonable distance, the man at last has gone out of the town.

And moreover, he didn't take the big main road, he went towards a roadless place. It's only that there, there was almost no grass, the ground was exposed. It was like the ground was trampled down by many people.

I was worried that he would found me in the town, but because there were many people going there excluding the man, I didn't feel out of place. But, the quality of people wandering around the town and the ones going this place are completely different.

Everyone is equipped with weapons.

There are many people who were dressed like a warrior, others like magicians, a variety of people, but what everyone has in common is that they are ready to fight. Not only here and there, but everyone.

Can be that I have come to a bad place? Me?

I'm trying to go to someplace where a neet doesn't have to go?

While I decide if I keep thinking about it or if I turn around now, following the traces of the man I ended up crossing a small hill. Suddenly from the grasslands, from the light brown ground something came out in a exposed area.

And in the center of that place, the entrance to an underground was opening its mouth widely, Inviting me to enter.

It may be possible that this is a dungeon.

When I was walking lazily in that town called Laurel, I heard it by chance.

That the dungeon called Paienne was close to the town.

I'm sure this must be. I can see at glance at the underground place that there is a deep and large hole without end, and people equipped with weapons were going to that place.

Given the current situation I'm sure that I'm not wrong.

The man whom I was following gets excited in front of the hole and then he entered inside.

I reluctantly gave up and I continued following him.

And as one would expect, I'm not going to approach a place where there are monsters. Until I don't understand my power and theirs I don't have the courage to go.

It can't be helped, I began to wander around the surroundings of the dungeon.

I really think that I look like a suspicious person. But I don't want

to return without having done something. But if you tell me to do something I will be troubled, while I think in that way, I observe the people who goes into the dungeon and the injured ones who came out. For a while I go wandering around the proximity of the dungeon.

【Class】Parasite 1→2

And suddenly.

Without previous notice, the screen which I was already used to see appeared in front of me.

# Chapter 4: Levelling Up The Parasite Class

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Eh?

What's this?

It seems that my level is going up?

Did I do something?

I opened my status window in panic.

【Name】Eiji=Choukai

【Class】Parasite 2

【Stamina】26

【Strength】20

【Defense】30

【Magic】41

【Magic power】35

【Magic resistance】 41

【Agility】 40

【Skill】Parasite

「I'm sure that my level has gone up... Ah」

【Class】Parasite 2→3

When I was thinking about what is happening to me, my level has gone up again.

I'm serious that I haven't done anything, seriously what is happening.

I'm certain that as you go defeating monsters, the power of these existences will transform into experience and you class level will rise up, but I have never done anything to these monsters....

——It's possible that!

I turn my neck towards the labyrinth entrance.

It's possible that I have already understood the true colors of this skill.

I didn't defeat monsters and I didn't go towards the place where the monster are.

But, isn't true that there is one? There is a person who is connected to me, and that person is in a place where the monsters are coming out.

While I observe the labyrinth, I sit cross-legged in the grass.

And while I wait quietly, it happened again.

【Class】Parasite 3→4

It's correct.

This is, I'm earning experience from the infected person. The parasite skill allows me to level up.

It's amazing. If I have this, then I can level up my class without having to work.

And far from have to be together, I might be able to become stronger with only sleeping in a faraway place.

Unexpectedly, this skill which it is of my preference it's rising my tension. And while I sat down in the comfortable grass feeling extremely good, the display has appeared again.

【Class】Parasite 4→5

【Skill】Parasite x2 acquired

A new skill came out!

This means that as the name mentions, I can use the skill two times at the same time?

It didn't cross my mind to use my skill twice at the same time, that's why I thought it was only possible to use it in one person at time. But now I can use it in two persons at the same time.

If there are two, it's natural for my experience to multiply. This is wonderful.

Immediately I headed towards the entrance of the dungeon.

And since it was the perfect time as people were going into the dungeon, I pretend that I stumbled upon them when we passed each other. When we collide, I touch the other party with the back of my hand.

「Aaah, I'm sorry」

「Haha, you are tired from exploring the labyrinth? Be careful」

The man with the warrior outfit, said lightly and he headed towards the dungeon.

In his back it was the mark of light. Success.

After I took some distance from the dungeon, I start to concentrate and then two threads of light appear on my hand. Though it seems like it would disappear if I were to extend it a bit more. but surely, without doubt, those two people were parasitized.

And as a proof, after a while, my parasite's class level went up to level six. Although I thought that as my level rise, it would become slow to level up, but it must be because I now have the experience of two persons that I'm yet leveling up fast.

But even so, I think it has become really fast, they must be fighting with powerful monsters.

Well, I don't understand what is happening inside. Other than that, let's test something.

I turn my back to the labyrinth, and I head towards Laurel town.

It's because there is something I now want to try. It's not bad to want to know more about my greatest strong point which is the only skill I have right now.

And that is, whether or not the skill is effective even if I'm away

from the objective. If the parasite skill will work even if I'm far away from them or I need to be in a certain distance, or if after some time the effect will stop working.

First I'm going to take distance, and that's why I'm returning to the city, but even so there is no sign that it will disappear. At last I returned to Laurel town, and the parasitism of the two still remains. It seems that it continues even over long distances.

This is an extremely good result.

Even if I'm in the town, the effect of the skill that I placed on those two persons who went to the labyrinth it will not lose its effect.

Now, let's go to examine it more!

I found a vacant land, and while I was taking a carefree nap mixed among the townspeople, I checked my skill.

And as result, I understood.

First. When I want to confirm to whom I've infected, I only need to think and the appearance of the person I have infected is projected in my eyes.

Second. If I pray to stop the parasitism, I can stop it. And I don't have to be necessarily in contact with them, I can cut the thread in any moment I want.

But it was impossible to infect them again immediately. It's likely that I need to touch them in the same way as before.

Third. I can only parasitize up to two people.

When two people are parasitized, even if I try to use more power, I can't. However, if I release a person, I can use it again, so I can change the host as I please.

It's a skill specialized in parasitizing other people to level up your class, it's a nasty class.

While I was examining the skill, my level has gone up again. Even

my level is now 7, if I continue in this way, in a blink of an eye I will become strong.

My hope has emerged.

My motivation has emerged too.

Now I have the feeling that I can live in this different world.

After I have examined the skill until I was satisfied, the day was beginning to get dark, so I went to look for a inn.

Because there are many people aiming to the labyrinth, there are numerous inns. That's why finding an available room in a inn was really easy. I have immediately paid for seven days of lodging.

The room to which I was led was not so wide, but that everything was in order, and also that it looked clean made me happy.

Does the transfer to another world goes hand to hand with the fatigue, or it may be because I walked a lot that now I'm tired? I threw myself on the bed as if I had collapsed and suddenly I fell asleep.



# Chapter 5: Here It Is The Adventurers Guild?

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It was morning when I woke up.

I was really tired, seriously.

As I was sitting on the bed, I checked my status, and then I tried using the space bag. At that moment I realized that what happened it wasn't a dream. I heard the sound of a knock.

「Coming, coming」

I get off of the bed and I opened the door, and there it was the figure of a girl.

「Ex-excuse me, I made you wake up? I-I'm sorry.」

A girl in braids with folded hands in front her chest was standing there, nervously. Her voice is also tense.

「No, I'm okay. I was awake from before. What happened?」

I answered dazedly while forcing a smile, and then I recalled. That this girl is the daughter of the owner of this inn and that her name was Marie. And even though she looks like she was a child from some elementary school, this girl who looks really timid was the one which greeted me at the counter 「It's almost time for breakfast. I didn't want to bother you calling so early in the morning, but, you didn't come down for dinner yesterday, so I thought you might be hungry」

「Aah... That's right」

Yesterday I fell asleep without having dinner.

I didn't worry so much because I saw many guest going out without eating their dinner, but she came here just because she was worried.

「Thanks, Marie-chan. I'm really hungry, I'll go down to eat in a moment」

「Thank you very much! Father, Eiji said that he will eat」

As the expression of Marie becomes bright, she quickly descends, heading towards the innkeeper whom it should be preparing the food.

I paid the lodging with meals included with the intention of eating here, so I'm looking forward to seeing what I'm going to eat.

The breakfast was bread and a soup similar to a stew and also some fruits. Having a somewhat large and warm soup with vegetables makes me happy.

The bread was a bit hard but like Marie said, to eat it with the stew was a good idea, it had become an exquisite food with the softness and its piercing flavor. When I bit the sausage that was inside of the soup, it was filled with meat juice, a concentration of flavor, I thought it was a good point.

And because I slept without eating anything, I finished eating everything in a blink of an eye.

「Oops, there's something I must do before. Ah, Marie-chan, there is something I want to ask you, it's okay if I do that?」

After finishing eating my breakfast, I stopped Marie when she was about to clean the table.

「Yes, what do you want to ask me?」

「I was thinking if you know where the adventurer guild is?」

Yesterday, when I was aimless wandering and gathering information, It turns out that by chance I heard about the existence of the adventurers guild. It seems that many of the people who went to the labyrinth are affiliated with the guild.

There is a variety of requests, and you can also earn some money, and because I thought that it's likely there wouldn't be something more sweet than that for me, I thought about going today.

「Yes, I went many times to that place. It's more, adventurers

who are registered in the adventurer's guild are staying in this inn. You can leave it to me」

It's because I'm relying in her that she answered in a vigorous way? I asked Marie the way and after I said 「The breakfast was delicious, thanks」we separated. I head towards the adventurers guild.

I lost my way.

I'm sure I'm going in the direction that Marie told me. But I don't see anywhere the shadow or the figure of the adventurers guild.

And I though I didn't have a bad sense of direction. While walking in doubt I passed through a theatre, a plaza, a magic tools shop, a workshop, many types of different buildings.

This is a quite splendid town, it seems that I'm not going to have any inconvenience living here. It's really good that I have found this type of town.

...Returning to the main issue, this is not the time to be rejoicing in this way.

Where it is, where is the adventurers guild.

After roaming around for awhile, there was no sign that I would find it.

I gave up, and I decided to ask someone the way.

I found someone that seemed to belong to the adventurers guild, and when I raised my voice towards the girl which was holding a sword, surely that person was registered in the adventurers guild and gladly answered me.

But.

「The adventurers guild? That is, in the completely opposite side」

「You said the opposite, I have to go backwards?」

I stupidly said that after hearing such unexpected words. The

adventurer nods laughing.

「There isn't another way to say it, right? The adventurers guild is——」

She explained to me, but it was as she had said, in the complete opposite direction.

The east and the west were reversed completely. But I'm sure that I went for the way that I was told, it can be that Marie-chan has no sense of direction?

Well, now that I understood how to go, let's go forward.

I said thanks and when I was about to continue, somebody called me to stop.

「I will guide you, so you don't lose your way」

「Eh? No, you don't have to do th-」

「You don't have to be worried! I also have business there, and also as a senpai from the adventurers guild I need to be kind towards the rookies」

The adventurer hits my back, while speaking cheerfully.

Well, if you say that to that extent then I will have to accept your help. Also, I don't like being lost.

I thank her, and then I walk together with that female adventurer upto the adventurers guild.

The name of the adventurer was Veil.

She has a silvery short hair, is bright and seems to have a cheerful face, her eyes and mouth are big, In short, she has a easy going personality. Actually, when she heard that I just came to this town, even though I didn't ask her to do it, she acted as a tour guide and introduced me various places.

That eating place is cheap and delicious, that shop of there is expensive and has a poor quality facilities so it's better to not buy

anything there, she is very helpful but she also seems to be a meddlesome character.

Under the mantle she is wearing, she is dressed with a short pants and a shirt; a light equipment. A swordsman or a thief, it's likely she is one of those two types. She gives the feeling of being skilled, and also of being an adventurer for many years.

While I was immersed in my thoughts, Veil started to talk, her body seems like it's getting fuzzier as she walks.

「That reminds me, Eiji wants to register as an adventurer, right?」

「Yes, that's right. I'm thinking of being here for the moment, so I want to try various things」

「What's your occupation?」

「Eh? I'm trying to be an adventurer」

「No, no, an adventurer is an adventurer but, I'm asking you what you do other than that. I have a special occupation, but there are many who have second job」

「That's different from a class, right?」

「Of course. A class is a class, and a job is another thing. Maybe it's a nuisance to you that I'm asking you these things, but a class is something that determines a person's talent. For example—— The job of the owner of that store is of course, managing his own magic tool shop, but his class is magician. There are many who makes a living using their class or jobs, but nobody is equal」

I understood, a class is like your aptitude.

Having one helps, but that to be useful to a job it's different. It's like an excuse to say that it's different to your talent.

「Even if you say that you are an adventurer, it's like a part time job. Maybe you have confidence in your strength and you use it for a side job, like a student earning pocket money. It's in general like

a freelance job, so there are many different types of people. I'm one of of them too, I used to be a blacksmith, but even so I always went to look for materials on my own, and at the same time I accepted requests from the adventurers guild to earn a bit more of money, At that time I thought that maybe I was fit to be an adventurer, and now I'm a full-fledged one. Eiji, what are you doing? Or you are in the middle of something?」

「Eh, I, I'm... Before I was, well, a neet, yes. I'm sorry」

「A neet? I had never heard about such a job. What do you do in that job? Or it's a peculiar job of your hometown?」

「Eh? What you do in that job... is...」

It is hard to say it

Even I don't want to explain what it's a neet.

It's bad in the eyes of the society, I don't want to say it.

So I thought, I don't have to say it if I don't want, it's more, even if I say it, the people of this world would not understand.

I have predicted that she wouldn't know, but it useless for the me who can't hold a conversation. For several years I didn't belonged to any community and I almost had no discussions with others. Even if I had become bad in having conversations, it's not my fault.

It's not my fault that I'm angry with her for making me remember such things, but let's explain to her anyways.

When I was immersed in my thoughts.

「Ah, it's alright, you don't have to say it if you don't want. I'm not trying to force you to tell me if you don't want. But you know, there are many different types of people in the adventurers guild. Because anybody can do it as long as they have the ability. It's enough if you have motivation」

Fuu, I'm saved.

However, I don't think it's good idea to make the people think that it's something I can't say. Perhaps this is the cross that a neet has to bear? This is a painful world.

「Here it is, we have arrived」

「Hm? Oh, here it is」

After walking a little, in front of us a large building appeared.

Even though the dirty and broken outer wall sticks out, what its more outstanding is the atmosphere, it's like it were the nest of ruffians.

After I made up my mind I entered.

## Chapter 6: C-Rank

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Compared with its grim appearance, the inside is quite normal and heartwarming.

There is a big hall with many tables, and there were a fairly number of people who seems to be adventurers lining up in a spiral form.

There is a counter at the end, and two people who seems to be working as a receptionists.

「So, you only need to wait for the receptionist, work hard」

「Thank you, you really helped me」

「It's nothing, this is the friendship between adventurers, take care. See you~!」

Veil left completely happy.

I go to the counter, and the person on the counter started talking about the job.

It sounded good, becoming an adventurer and go outside like this.

Ok, I'm full of motivation!

——But, my first objective is not to come here and make a request to the adventurers guild.

I just came to this place with only one goal, and it's to parasitize someone.

Surely in this place there are skilled adventurers, and like it's natural, people with strength can fight against strong monsters, so it would be much the experience I would get.

I'm going to parasitize a skilled adventurer, and level up with all my might; That's is my objective for today.

When I woke in the morning, I learned a new skill 【Parasite x3】.



Fufu, my level now will rise more rapidly.

Given the name of the skill, it's safe to say that now it's possible to parasitize upto three people. That my level goes up as I sleep, it's surely, an ideal life, yes.

However, I will register in the guild for the time being. It wouldn't be bad to accept requests when I become strong, the preparations are only for that moment.

I called a receptionist who seems to be free, and I told her that it was my first time, and that also I wanted to register.

The receptionist quickly pulled out a pen and a some documents over the counter.

「Please, you only need to fill in these documents」

The entries that I need to fill in are: name, battle experience, if I'm registered in other adventurers guilds and last my class.

「Is necessary to write my class?」

「It's optional, but if you write it, it will be easier for us to recommend jobs to you. There are many types of request, like wanting a person who can use magic」

I see, that kind of pattern.

But, I don't feel like writing parasite in the paper. And even Rux said that she never saw this type of rare class, so I don't want to let other people know about the peculiarity of my skill.

Maybe what I'm doing is for nothing, and it's not likely to be a super important class, so I'll leave it blank.

I left that entry in blank and I filled all the other spaces needed. There was a simple column mentioning if you have a chronic disease, but really, they went straight to the main point in this application form. But well, it's because this is such occupation that your medical history is important, yes.

「Thank you. Yes, you have filled in all the necessary

information」

The receptionist checked the application form and this time she took out a hard white card.

「Then, please receive this card, and insert your magic in it」

「What is it for?」

「This card records whether or not you have achieved a request. This is an important card which will record your results. And to somebody who can read it, it will possible to show your results」

「Ooh, it's a really convenient tool」

While I was thinking that exist tools like that, she explained to me that the way to use it and it was the same as the skills, so when I do that, the card changed its color from white to silver.

「Yes, okay. Your registration has ended with this. Please, always keep this card next to you, so to avoid losing it」

「This is an amazing tool, isn't it?」

「This seems to be a replica made from a treasure discovered in the Paienne labyrinth. The true treasure was even more amazing than this. There is a rumor that it has recorded every kind of history, but it's impossible for an ordinary person like me to know whether is true or not」

「If I remember correctly, the labyrinth called Paienne, it's the one at the north of the city, right?」

「Yes. You can find many things there. Even an adventurer, for a request or by its own desires, and at the same time many people goes there aiming to get treasures. And even some go to train there. But, because is a dangerous place, if you are not accustomed, I would recommend you not going to that place」

「I'll keep that in mind, thanks. But it's alright, because I don't like working too hard」

Ahaha... While the receptionist forces a smile, my registration

has ended.

I'm thinking that I would like to enter one of those days in that dungeon, but I don't like dangerous things, so for now I will take a rest in one of those empty tables.

Let's go back to the main point, I already did what I came to do here, so now it's the time to look for someone to parasitize.

All who are here seems to be really strong, so I'm lost in who to choose.

Who, I'm, going, to, choose? Let's not do it like the god, Rux——says.

Now that we got to this point, let's ask the opinion of other people.

I approach again the receptionist who seems to be free, and maybe because she was too bored, when she got a person to talk to, she came speaking to me in a cheerful way.

「Ah, you came immediately for a request, right? I understand you, it's a waste to go back after having finished registering, yes」

「No, you are wrong」

「Eh?」

I killed the mood of the receptionist with my frankness.

I'm sorry, but being the careful type I will not accept requests immediately.

「There is something I want to ask you. From all the people that are here in the adventurers guild, who is the strongest, it may be possible that you know?」

「The strongest, you said? I understand, if you are a rookie then you must have interest in knowing that. Of course, I know that~ After all, when the very same Red Fang or Blue Shadow come looking for requests, both come looking for me」

「Haa」

「However, they aren't here for the moment. Of those who are here... Aaah, look, that table that seems to have a map or something scattered on the table. The people who are talking, the man with long hair, that person is an extremely powerful person within the C-rank. And also, ah, the one who just entered, the woman with long hair, she is also a C-rank. Even if she is young, Kiara can really do it」

I look where she said, towards the C-rank adventurers.

The man puts aside his large sword, and from what I see, the woman doesn't have nothing resembling a weapon. Maybe she is a magician?

「I understand——」

If I can touch them, that means that I will be able to gain power efficiently.

「But——」

I turn around towards the receptionist.

「What is a C-rank?」

# Chapter 7: Parasite Class

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「In a few words, adventurers are divided between F~A rank, and you can also receive requests according to your class. But even if the request fits your class, we, the guild, will judge if you are able to accept it or not. You must know that you are only able to accept request only one rank above or below your rank. And because you're just a rookie, you will start as a F-rank」

She means that no one can do something reckless, and at the same time, to train the rookies, they created a division of ranks to restrict the request they can take.

Even if you say that to me, it's not like I want to reach the top, it will be enough for me if I can earn my living expenses. But even if I say that, I don't know how much I would need to earn to pay for my living expenses.

「That means that the C-rank is the third from the top. So, they are really strong」

「It's not as simple as saying that they are strong. Because as you rise in ranks, the number of people decreases, so If you only take the numbers into account, you can say that with their levels they can be called a top class」

I see, I will never get rid of them. Then this means that——

I used my skill and I cut off one of the lines connected to me.

Let's cut off that middle-aged man from yesterday. I need to choose wisely to whom I'm going to parasitize.

Now I have the possibility to take two more.

I move away from the counter, and now my goal were these two of high rank.

「E-Eh? You are not going to take a request?」

Confused, she raised her voice, but I refused politely.

Hearing her 「H, huh—」 disappointed voice, I pass by the side of the female adventurer which had just entered and I touch her with the palm of my hand, then in a casual manner, I waved my hand towards back of the man who had just stand up from his table, parasitizing them.

It would be very strange If I'm always falling down, so I need to find a new way to touch them in a casual manner sometimes.

However, I'm thinking that this is suspicious in another sense. After having tried I feel that it was really easy to do it but what is going to happen now? No, I'm sure that what I have done is not suspicious at all, yes.

The reason I'm aiming at the adventurers with the higher ranks it's only because the higher their strength, the stronger will be the monsters with which they can fight.

And that means it will be greater the experience that I can get. I'm sure I will speed up my leveling up if I choose an adequate person to whom parasitize.

In any case, I've done what I came to do here, so I left the adventurers guild and I headed towards the inn. I waited on my bed for the experience to accumulate.

The morning passed unusually fast, and after waking up from a nap.

【Parasite 11→12】

It went up, it seems that they started to fight with monsters.

Because I was already awake, now let's do a bit of sightseeing. I have heard a lot of things of this town from Veil, and above all it's because I'm free.

I passed my time aimless wandering through the town seeing many things, and even going outside of the town but to a safe range where monsters don't come out.

The next day I have spent my time in the same way as yesterday, and I even went to buy several things.

First was the clothes. I noticed this when I woke up, I don't have a change of clothes. It's good that my clothes doesn't stand out, but it's problematic to have only one.

In addition I have bought a knife and a 【Normal】luggage bag, also paper and a pen with ink, and so on. I have also bought many miscellaneous daily goods.

After having observed the people in the town, I think that I have understood, I didn't see nobody using something like a space bag.

Like I thought, this has to be an unusual item, and they may think that country bumpkin like me is a easy target so I will not use it more than necessary.

As I'm already accustomed to the pure white paper, I know that this paper cannot be compared with the one I know, but I will endure it because it's possible to write on it.

After spending my day doing things like this and that, I returned to the inn and checked my level. It's really fun that my level is rising up steadily, even if I do nothing. Or it can be said that is fun the way that my level is rising without doing nothing.

Ah, that's right.

I was focused in my skills and my level that I didn't look carefully at my main attributes.

Let's see how strong I have become.

【Name】Eiji=Choukai

【Class】Parasite 14

【Stamina】 37

【Strength】 27

【Defense】 40

【Magic】 58

【Magic power】 48

【Magic resistance】 50

【Agility】 55

【Skill】Parasite x3

I see, the Parasite x3 has overridden Parasite x2, or perhaps I should say that it has made it more stronger.

Well, let's see then what has happened with my attributes... Eh?

I think they are in the same way as a before...

Yes, my level has risen. However, it doesn't seem that my strength and stamina has not risen too much? No, I'm sure that it has not changed so much.

「This is real? Hey, hey」

That means that I will not become a lot stronger as I level up my class? This is a too harsh reality, this life.

...The pleasure that came for having raised my level has right now, died.

There is a meaning for a parasite to be in high spirits?

【Parasite 14→15】

Ah, while I was saying things like that, my level has once again risen.

But it's safe to say that my attributes will not rise, isn't that right?

Haa....a?

【Skill Parasite・Class acquired】

Parasite・Class?

This pattern is completely different from before. I was thinking that it would be the fourth level up, but this class is not like that. If



you say a class, then it has to be like the class swordsman or parasite, something like that... Let's see it.

I took out a lens from the luggage bag that I have bought from the magic tools shop.

This lens is a magic tool called appraisal lens, it allows me to know particular things about my skills and the like that comes from my status.

It's really difficult to make and sometimes it can break itself of nowhere, so I was hesitating to use it or not, but now that I have acquired a new skill, let's use it.

After a long awaited time, I decided to use it to see the details of my first and only skill I have, the next moment my status is displayed, and then I used the appraisal lens on the Parasite x3 skill.

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And then suddenly the lens broke down!

This has to be a defective good! What is happening, breaking in the first use!

Even if it can break down anytime, there is a limit for it to break down at its first time.

But it's not something impossible, so I will not complain.

And it's not like the shopkeeper of the magic tools shop has lied.

It can't be helped, but now that the explanation has come out, let's check it out.

【Parasite x3】

You can parasitize up to three people touching the other party. You acquire three times the amount of experience of the people who were parasitized.

Eh?

Eeeh?

This is for real? This effect.

Not only up to three people, but three times their experience? Then that means that in fact it's 9 times in total?

That's why I was leveling up so fast.

If you normally think about it, the more you level up, the more slow it will become to level up, but until now the speed hasn't changed. And it was because every time I got a new skill, the experience received would increase.

This is amazing.

And now, I'm a bit relieved.

I was feeling a bit guilty thinking that when they were fighting with their lives I was stealing their experience. The person in question is earning their own experience, and because what I'm earning is extra experience, I don't need to restrain myself, even the person in question doesn't lose anything.

Its a win-win situation——Well, it's not, but it's okay.

Let's go with a bang to parasitize someone.

Now, let's see what this new skill has to offer.

I use the appraisal lens.

【Class Mercenary 0→1】

【Skill Mastery of short-range weapons】

The moment I tried to see its detail, a display has appeared.

Of course, my class is parasite, and not mercenary.

It can be that, this is——

【Parasite・Class】

You will acquire experience of the class that the person parasitized obtained.

That was the explanation of the new skill.

And now I understand the reason why it was displayed.

【Name】Eiji=Choukai

【Class】Parasite 15 Mercenary 1

【Stamina】 43

【Strength】 31

【Defense】 43

【Magic】 59

【Magic power】 48

【Magic resistance】 51

【Agility】 57

【Skill】Parasite x3 Parasite・Class Mastery of short-range weapons

When I see the status, I saw that another class was added, the skill has increased and even my attributes has increased.

Perhaps this is the true worth of the class called parasite.

I can gain experience from the classes that other people have, and when I gain experience from a class I don't have, a the new class begins to grow in my body.

If I use this, skills and even abilities will begin to be added. And moreover, three times the experience of each person up to three people.

This skill was the main point of this class called parasite.

「Kukuku... Haahahaha!」

It's likely this was the time when everything started.

# Chapter 8: I Ended Surrounded By A Massive Amount Of Classes

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After that, the time passes for a while.

No really, my laughter doesn't stop.

【Name】Eiji=Choukai

【Class】Parasite 17   Mercenary 6   Mage 5   Swordsman 5   Priest 3  
Hunter 3

【Stamina】 77

【Strength】 68

【Defense】 60

【Magic】 72

【Magic power】 59

【Magic resistance】 59

【Agility】 70

【Skill】Parasite   x3 Parasite・Class Mastery   of   short-range weapons   Strong attack   Magic tools mastery   Magic arrow   Sword mastery   Swift sword   Dispel   Bow mastery   Magic blade

When I went to confirm my status, it has become like this.

It has not been long since I have acquired the Parasite・Class, and my status has become something like this. I have many skills, even my attributes has risen even more than when I had leveled up my parasite level.

Mastery has the effect of letting me use the weapons skillfully, so I tried to practice with a cheap sword that I had bought and even though I had never practiced swordsmanship, even I was able to wield the sword. It was something natural as if my body knew how to use it.

Even more, it seems that the offensive attack increases when I grab a sword.

But above all, I'm so happy because of the magic arrow. This is a skill that I acquired when my mage class went up to level 5, and as the name says, I can now use magic.

What can I say, suddenly a feeling of being in a different world came to me. There are occasions that even if you are a parasite, if you speak of magic, then this kind of magic attack is the one that you want.

I have even acquired the skill that I never thought I would get it. And it's the skill that Rux first told me, the compound skill.

A skill that only those who have learned several skills can obtain, a powerful skill that you can only learn depending on how you combine the skills.

And the magic blade is one of those, a combined skill.

When the level of my classes, swordsmanship and mage went to level 5, I learned it.

But even so, right now I don't know if the effect is amazing or not, and it seems that you have to insert magic attribute to make the sword stronger. So it will be effective only if I insert magic attribute in it. Because I have never fought with any monster it's that I don't know what to do, about how to insert magic in it.

Ah, by the way, when I was in high spirits using the lens for third time to check the skill, it broke down.

I think that I have used it more than necessary, yes.

After having learned the Parasite•Class, I have changed a bit my plans for the future.

Even though I have found a really strong person, but now that I know that I can get experience of their classes, I will begin to change the way to who I choose to parasitize so I can gather many

different classes.

And of course, my class level continues to rise as always. The class of the parasitized person and mine, both continues rising at the same time.

Therefore, I went to the adventurers guild and touched every kind of person.

I changed the way of choosing to whom I'm going to parasitize, but even if I think about collecting classes, I think it will better to do it only after increasing my level. Finding the perfect combination is really difficult.

Now I see that apart from my class, the others are slowly rising up.

And it must be because I'm only receiving the experience of only one person for that class. Even though the experience I get is the main cause, some must be leveling up quickly depending on the class.

That's why, I was thinking over and over if I do it carefully or not, it's difficult to decide.

While I was inside of the inn, troubled by that, I learned a new skill.

**【Parasite·Info】** You can obtain information on the person parasitized.

To put it briefly, I can get to know the class and the level of the person parasitized.

I will know if their class level is low or not after having being parasitized, and if I know that, I can stop my skill and look for someone new. It's simple but useful.

Everyone can see their own status but not the status of others, and I'm the same, I can only see my own status, but not the status of other people.

That's why, to have this type of skill is a great help. Even though what I can see it's only their class and level, but even with that it's enough because I can't go and simply ask a stranger about their status.

After having seeing all the other skills, I thought, my skill is different from the others, It lets me get stronger.

It's shining completely, my parasite class, really.

And like that, many days passed.

And like it's expected, the leveling up of my parasite class has weakened, but the other classes have experienced a significant increase in level.

But even so, they have by far the greatest offensive power.

I was in the middle of going towards the adventurers guild while I was in a good mood with the purpose of choosing new classes, when I came across a shrine.

No, I found it before, but I decided today to go inside.

The shrine was entirely made with big white stones, a shine of chalk. The design of the pillars were exquisitely made, so it was worth of seeing.

There is an altar in the front of the entrance, and anybody can only enter until that place. There is a massive door at the back, and it's likely to lead to the place where the shinto priests are working.

Several places are decorated with pink flowers, but, it may be because the hair of Rux is pink.

And in a very outstanding place, at the front after going straight, the goddess statue is being worshiped.

This is Rux.

They have grasped her unique peculiarities, this stone statue has a splendid workmanship.

All the visitors except me, are praying respectfully.

To think that she was really a god.

And not only that, there is even a statue with the exact appearance of her, she must have descended sometime. Or she only showed her appearance?

What can she be doing at this time, Rux.

She said it took considerable power to open the hole, so she must be taking a rest.

Since I came to this place, let's pray? I am grateful that you have given me this class even if it's this parasite class.

It was impossible to get three classes like it was normal, but now my results are far greater than what I have expected, now I was able to learn more than three classes.

I left many offerings after seeing the altar. This is something to be glad, I give my thanks to the goddess Rux and the visitors and then I left the shrine.



# Chapter 9: The First Request

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After leaving the shrine, I went as I had planned to the adventurers guild.

I was already accustomed to seeing her face everyday, really.

When I was thinking of whom I'm going to parasitize today, I saw a familiar face.

「Oh, isn't it Eiji? How are you?」

「Veil. Well, not bad」

It was the adventurer who has guided me through the town when I wanted to go for the first time towards the adventurers guild, the female adventurer, Veil.

And similar to the last time, she is wearing a light mantle and started the conversation with an “Oh”.

「It's a lie. I come here often but, I have never seen you grab a request」

「U」

This is bad.

I can't tell to her that I only came here to choose to whom I'm going to parasitize.

It's more, she is being parasitized.

「Huh, when I was trying to select a request, it happened this and that and then I began to hesitate in which choose. Ahaha, I'm indecisive」

Veil folds her arms, and with a “I see, I see” she nodded exaggeratedly.

「I understand you, yes. Because you just became an adventurer, you're being careful, I see. The opposite of me. If it was me, if I think this will be ok, I will go with a boom, because I'm the

straightforward type. I want you to learn a little. Ahaha」

She puts her hand behind her head and with the mouth wide open, Veil starts to laugh.

With her hand in the same position, she tilted her body looking at my face with curiosity.

「But you know, if you don't go when it's the time, then not matter how much time it pass, you will never have your adventurer debut. It's okay, I know what to do. I will choose it for you. Let's go」

「Eh, no, I'm not...」

「Come on, come on, stand up, stand up!」

Her arm and mine were intertwined, and suddenly and forcefully she dragged me.

Why so forcefully——No, this is, her well-developed chest is being pressed against my arm. Kuu, this sensation... Why is so... Why is so... Aah...

While my strength was weakening, I ended up being taken to the counter.

Crap!

「Wendy! Please, a request for a beginner」

「Veil, why do you want a request for a beginner... Oh, Eiji-san, hello」

「Ah, hello」

She was the one who made all my registration procedures, the receptionist Wendy.

It's not surprising that the receptionist knows Veil, she is the one who is giving the request to her.

「It's possible that, both will work together?」

「No, that is not——」

「That's right!」

Eeh—!

Are you serious?

Wait a moment, please a moment, Veil-san, your answer was very quick——.

「I understand! You finally have the motivation to do it, isn't that right, Eiji-san! I can say that the difficulty of this is by far the lowest」

And Wendy was also fast.

The documents were quickly pulled out, and were placed in front of us. Without a moment of delay, Veil picked the document, and with her face next to mine, we both saw the document.

These people are really coordinated.

But, well, leaving that aside.

She understand what is she doing?

Is she aware that her skin is so close to me even though I'm a man, Veil are you aware of that?

No matter who is, always talking to you like you were her friend, a cheerful girl that raises your spirit and makes you feel startled. It can be that maybe she likes me, but then I could be wrong. I want you to stop stabbing me, an unpopular man with the feminine gender like me.

I'll never be fooled again, and I'll never be again captured in another trap after make me remember a sad memory. This type of person is always acting intimate with anyone, no matter who is. You definitely are not a special guy, Eiji.

I examine the document while I pretend that I'm calm.

Of course, in my interior, my heart is beating extremely fast and all my nerves are concentrated on my cheek.

・Goblin subjugation ・Laurel Wolf subjugation ・Seed Sukuri harvest ...And so on, these were the request that Wendy had taken out. As I expected, there are a lot of subjugation and harvest.

「Now, which will be good?」

「Isn't it the harvesting ones or the medical plats easy to complete? 」

「Eeeh—! If we are going to do one anyways, then it has to be a monster subjugation」

「They seem dangerous so I think it will be a little dangerous for a beginner」

Veil rejects my words, but Wendy corrects them.

「It's not like picking herbs is going to be safe too. For example, the sukuri seed is only found in the deepest part of the forest, and even there are monsters and aggressive animals. People who knows the way can avoid the animals, so it's safe for them, but someone who doesn't know anything will be——」

Wendy raises her hands and makes a pose as if she were showing her claws.

Now I understand, it's dangerous to enter in a territory that you know nothing about. I'm sure that if it were possible to collect them without any danger, then it would not be requested to adventurers.

That means that it's better to take the request to fight monsters that you know that are weak.

I started thinking for a moment, and then I chose the Laurel Wolf subjugation.

And while Veil is laughing with a satisfactory smile, my hand is pulled.

「That's right, that's right. Then let's go, Eiji!」

「Please be careful in your way!」

After being seen off by Wendy, my arm continued being pulled off by Veil and so, we left the adventurers guild.

Even though they are troublesome persons, but this may be the perfect time.

Because I wanted to find out how much strength I have by now.

And now that I have an expert by my side, even if my strength is not enough, I will not have any problem.

It's the perfect time to try.

The place where Veil and me went was a forest in the east of the Laurel town.

The wolf called Laurel Wolf is living there, but in these days, it seems that the number of wolves have increased and they come out of the forest to attack the cattle.

And because it happens often, to control that their numbers does not increase too much, periodically they put the subjugation request.

After reaching the forest, we went towards the point where the Laurel Wolf appears according to the information of the request. And suddenly, the wolves appeared.

Two wolves of light brown fur were growling to intimidate us.

「They have arrived」

「We can't complete the subjugation request if they don't come」

「Well, that's true, but they look as if they will jump over us at any time. Suu-Haa-」

While I breathe deeply, I take out the sword that I have bought before and I put myself in position.

And at the same time, the two wolves attacked.

「Haaaa!」

I attacked them from the front.

I prepare myself with the sword, and to the wolf who passed by my side I gave him a thrust with my sword. Even I was surprised by those smooth and natural movements. With a fast movement and with only one hit, I ended killing the wolf.

Moreover, the two wolves at the same time.

The skill【Consecutive sword】has been activated, and with only one stroke I ended up adding another attack.

I turn around, and I look towards the two monsters lying on the ground. Even though I don't believe it, the sensation of my palm tells me that it's something I've done.

「That's amazing, Eiji. After having said that sort of thing, you have defeated them with ease」

While hearing the applause of Veil, I felt it.

「Yes. It seems that I have become really strong」

# Chapter 10: A Boss Appears

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After having defeated the two wolves from the subjugation request, I ended up advancing deeper into the forest. Laurel Wolves appeared once again, but I ended up killing them easily.

Seeing that, Veil nods in admiration.

「It's amazing, your skill with the sword. It's fast and strong. With your speed as a selling point, the wolves doesn't have any chance. Moreover, you are aiming at their vitals, I don't know why you were hesitating」

「I'm the careful type, I didn't even know the true strength of my opponent」

「Even so, there isn't much danger in a F-rank request. It must be that you have trained many years without even experiencing a real combat?」

「Hmm, something like that」

Actually, it was about one week!

Let's put that aside for now, I want to hide the fact that I have a strange skill. I don't want to stand out too much.

「It would have been better if you had your debut much earlier. But well, at any rate you seem that you will be fine. Let's go separately, in that way we can defeat them more quickly」

「Eh, we have to separate? It is okay to do that?」

「With your strength you will not have any problem. It's also important to finish the work quickly! That's why I will be going this way. I'll leave that place to you」

As soon as she finished talking, Veil ran off to left. She has the type of personality, that when she is thinking about something, she does it.

Now I'm alone.

But well, I think everything will be alright with this request, it's really easy. Let's go to defeat these wolves.

I went to the right path.

I'm not against finishing this quickly. Twenty heads are required for this subjugation request, and I need to find ten.

After advancing for a while, this time I met with a group of five wolves.

And like you expect, their numbers were a lot this time so it wasn't possible for me to finish them all at once.

I invoke the magic arrow from distance, a preemptive attack.

When the arrow pierced through its head, the Laurel Wolf was defeated, but then, the remaining wolves, waiting for the perfect time, attacked all together.

Again, another magic arrow was invoked and with it, one wolf fell down, and now only three remain. I was able to get rid of two before the other wolves approached.

I cut down the two wolves that passed next to me that were trying to tear me apart, and now only one remains.

The last one with its sharp claws came with the intention of tearing apart my throat, but I stopped its attack with my sword, and in the next moment I used my sword to cut it.

In the surroundings are the bloody remains of the Laurel Wolves corpses.

The circumstances to finish them were good. Now I'm a step closer to finishing the request.

And it's more, I have a lot of magic to spare and also stamina.

When I use magic, it uses magic power, and when I use a physical skills my stamina is consumed, but the two of them have enough to let me go ahead. I can continue fighting with ease.



At that moment, I felt something cold in my cheek.

When I immediately turn around to look from where that weird presence is coming, what was there was a figure of a wolf completely different from the others.

It has a silvery fur, and its two times bigger than the Laurel Wolf I have encountered until now. This wolf also has eyes like they were of sapphire.

I look into its red like blood mouth, the wolf is baring its fangs while staring me.

I was lucky, if I had taken a little longer, the first movement would have been stolen.

And at the moment when I put myself in position, the silver wolf took an unexpected action.

From its open mouth, a breath of ice was thrown at me.

「Wh-!」

I was able to evade it jumping to the side.

After almost have received a direct attack, when looking behind me, a trunk of a tree was frozen and was full of holes, and while making a noise it fell down.

What's with this power, there is even a wolf using something like magic, I never heard anything about it.

Or rather, it seems that this monster has a completely different appearance to the others?!

The edge of my clothes are frozen and are being destroyed. I was really in a pinch there. If it has the power to break a tree in one shot, I can't relax my guard. Don't be so full of it, let's put some fighting spirit!

At the same time after switching my switch, once again the silver wolf threw a breath. But this time I evaded it easily, and going around the wolf, I approached.

Even though it's a really dangerous enemy, it isn't at the level where I can't defeat it. I can see its breath if I stay calm. It might be the boss of the wolves of this place, but I will cut it off with all my power.

「Boost!」

Thanks to the fruits of my effort of staying for many days in the inn, I was able to learn my recently acquired skill 【Boost】, and when the skill it's activated, for temporary period of time, my body is strengthened!

With my sudden increase of power and agility, receive my blow!

After I suddenly approached to the wolf, I evaded the fangs that were trying to bite me, then I seized the chance and used the skill 【Strong Attack】when the wolf extended its neck, and with the increase of even more power, I slashed downwards with all my might.

It was a short time, but as something similar to a blizzard appeared, his last moments ended, and so, the silver wolf life ended disappearing.

「...Fu—」

I managed to do it somehow.

Even though something unexpected happened, if I use my skills I will be able to handle it somehow.

As expected, it was good that I ended learning many skills of different classes, and if I continue using them without fail, I can fight considerably well.

I'm more than satisfied, while I was thinking like that, I saw the figure of Veil coming from between the trees.

When I wave my hand toward her, she increases her speed, and so, we were once again reunited.

I report to her of my results.

「I was able to defeat a considerable number, six wolves」

「.....」

「But somehow the fur of one of these wolves was a little different, it can even use magic, it was a special one」

「.....」

「What could have been that... Veil?」

Without speaking a single word, Veil with the mouth partly open has become hard.

When I was thinking what has happened to her, I follow her glance and I realize that she is looking at the silver wolf.

「Aah, that was that strange monster」

「Cocytus Wolf」

「Hee, it has that type of name. It caused me many problems, but I was able to do it somehow」

「Eh, you've defeated it? Alone?」

Veil was standing there as if she were frozen, and with some clumsy movements, she turned towards me. What? What is happening?

「I thought so. I did something I should not?」

At the next moment, as if Veil had been defrosted, she jumped toward me, and with her hands over my shoulders, she continued talking.

「Is not that you did something wrong! This was a C-rank monster!? Perhaps one of the best adventurers that are usually in the town would be able to fight somehow equally」

Eh, it's true?

It really was a dangerous guy?

「Even cutting its neck in two with one stroke, and I have never

imagined that it was possible to do it with such sword. The fur of this is hard like steel, so normally you wouldn't be able to defeat it without magic」

Eh, really?

Surely this wolf compared with the others, this had a much faster reaction, that's what I thought, but I've cut it in half?

Not only Veil is surprised, I am too. Veil is intensely staring my face.

「...It's amazing, Eiji. You were so strong」

「No, maybe I just was lucky」

「You don't have to be so modest, if something is amazing then you have to say that it's amazing. ...I have to thank you. If it had been me who had met this Cocytus Wolff, I would have been finished. It would have been impossible even for me to escape. If I had come to this place to complete the request without Eiji, I would have died. You're the person who saved my life, thank you, Eiji」

Veil grabs tightly my two hands, and she bows as if she were praying.

Eventually she raised her head, but now, her face has turned red.

「It was somewhat embarrassing. I was even behaving as if I was an important senpai, but Eiji was always the powerful one」

「Not at all! You don't have to be worried about such things! I defeated the monster, but, seriously, I don't have any experience as an adventurer, and I didn't even know anything about the town. You have helped me a lot teaching me various things. If Veil had not been dragging me from here to there, I would have been hesitating for a long time, so I'm the one who has to give the thanks」

I leaned deeply from the waist, even more that what Veil did.

And when I lift my head, Veil was staring at me surprised.

What to do. I'm embarrassed if you look at me like that.

「Even having such power, thank you... Eiji, You're...」

After that, Veil just stared at me for a long time. Without being able to calm myself all the way, I reported the results of the wolf subjugation request.

# Chapter 11: Rookie's Expectation

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After the Laurel Wolf's fangs were cut as a proof, we returned to guild in Laurel. When I showed the fangs to the receptionist, Wendy inclined her head in doubt.

「By the way, there is a large and strange fang mixed, and it seems to be overflowing with a blue color, just like a jewel. This can't be a Laurel Wolf, right?」

「That's right, this is the Cocytus Wolf. It seems that this was the boss of the Laurel Wolves」

「Cocytus... Eeeeh, Cocytus~!?!」

Wendy was staring in amazement.

And at the same time, the place was filled with commotion.

「Th-There was something like that!? Injuries? Both of you are alright?」

「Everything is alright. The reason why I'm yet alive is because I never crossed it. Eiji was the one who defeated and by his own」

The gaze of Wendy and everyone inside the adventurers guild was directed towards me.

For some reason, for the time being, I nodded loosely,

「A-Amazing. You just have registered in the guild but you already were so skillful. Please, say it. You didn't take into account the feelings of this onee-san and you made me explain it all to you~」

「No, you don't have to worry. Actually, I didn't know anything about the guild, I didn't know many things. Leaving that aside, please, make it fast, mark as completed the request」

「Ah, that's right. I had forgotten about that. Well, I will do it now」

After Wendy finished writing in the documents, she tells me to

pull out the guild card, then she uses a magic tool on it. She must be recording the request with that.

Then, she pulls out the agreed reward and passes to me with hesitation.

「Umm, I'm sorry, this is the only reward of the request. Sorry, even though you have defeated the Cocytus wolf」

「No, you don't have to be worried at all! I'm happier from the fact you were worried about me rather than for a Laurel Wolf, I'm really grateful for even getting this」

When I answer in that way, Wendy bends backward her body in surprise.

「That you can say that kind of things! I'm the one who is very grateful. Let me tell you this in exchange, that Cocytus Wolf's jewel fangs are infused with a strong magic, so I believe they will become a great sum of money. Um, ah, from now on, I'll introduce you good requests as much as possible!」

I thank her, and after I have received the reward, I went away from the counter.

After that, I forced Veil to accept the reward after I divided it into two, and in addition, I took every material usable from the monsters and I exchanged them for money and that was also divided in half. It's only that the jewel that is attached to the fang, as a proof that of my victory against it, Veil made me accept it stubbornly, I didn't have other choice but to give up and accept it.

After everything ended, I returned to the inn.

Marie-chan greets me like always, saying “Welcome home” and to hear that makes me feel very relieved. When I put my hand on her head and say to her “You are always working so hard”, she stiffens and her face turns red.

When I return to my room, without counting money, I dive into my bed.

「Sigh—, so tired. Somehow I more tired than when I was fighting」

Seriously, I'm not accustomed to being bathed in so many gazes and being told so much stuff.

If I want to live more peacefully and relaxed, then I need to defeat stronger monsters without attracting attention.

「But, I was able to complete the request, and I think I'm quite, no, I know that I can fight considerably well because I did much better than what you would expect for that kind of request. Now the range of my actions will extend considerably」

However, comparing the growth of all the classes, It has not changed at all that my parasite class continues being the strongest.

But if I want to obtain stuff and money, I don't have other choice but to accept requests, however, it's good that now I know that I can complete them quite easily.

【Parasite 19→20】

Oh, the level has risen. It was because the experience that I have received from the Cocytus Wolf was a huge amount?

【Skill Parasite・Gold has been acquired】

Moreover, a new skill.

...But, the name of this skill, it can be that.

I used the appraisal lens to see the details of the skill.

Although the lens broke down easily, but, I no longer cared more about that.

【Parasite・Gold】

You can obtain money that the parasitized person has obtained.

And the need to obtain money through request has disappeared!

If you are asking me about how I can earn money with this skill, I was able to understand it the next morning.



When I woke up the next morning, I found money piled up beside my bed.

At first I thought about what happened, but then I recalled that it was because the skill.

I was able to get the money that they had earned during the whole day of yesterday, from the people that I had parasitized.

If I want to say it more accurately, with the Parasite x3 power, I can earn three times what the parasitized person is earning.

I can roughly estimate that I will earn nine times the income with three people parasitized, and I'll keep earning it while I sleep.

Now I don't have any need to continue accepting request, yes.

Now, I can spend all my time in being lazy.

Let's stay in this inn to my heart's content.

## Chapter 12: I Levelled Up From Being A Parasite, But I May Have Grown Too Much

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After that, I spent from morning until night eating my meals in the inn, and while I'm in the inn at daytime, I help Marie-chan in her work while having a friendly chat with her, and I even helped to taste the new dishes of the inn's owner. With that flow of events, I reached to the point that I didn't had go outside to get my food, so the need to go outside was lost.

You could say that my potential of becoming a parasite and nothing more was correct.

Everything I have done to the moment when I reached to this other world, when I realized, my field of operations was nothing more that this room in this inn.

Your personality will not change even if you age.

In the meantime, my level continues rising and the money continues to pile up. Even my friendship gauge with the inn's boss is rising.

When I realized, I learned the skill called 【Parasite x4】

And like you expect, I can parasitize up to four people, and its effect it's four times.

In other worlds, 16 times. I will be troubled if my neet life makes even more progress.

If it makes so much progress, I'll be staying indoors for a considerable long time.

I'm already so familiar with everyone that I reached the level where every guest of the inn greets me with a "Welcome home". I'm already recognized as an existence that is always in the inn?

「However, as you would expect, I've had enough」

I thought about that after having lived for a while in such way.

It's really difficult to maintain a leisurely life in this other world.

I don't know what to do now that I don't have a pc.

But if you say the opposite, how long I would be shut in my bedroom if I had a pc, I could kill a lot of time without getting tired of it, but that would be dangerous.

if you say that a devil invented it to corrupt people, I would believe you.

But well, leaving aside the pc, there are books and the like but always reading books would make your eyes cry, that's why I decided to go out for a walk.

But, before that.

There was something that made me worry a little, so I thought about seeing my status.

【Name】Eiji=Choukai

【Class】Parasite 21 Mercenary 13 Mage 6 Swordsman 7 Shinto Priest 10 Hunter 12 Shaman 9 Fighter 3 Miner 8 Thief 10

【Stamina】 144

【Strength】 120

【Defense】 108

【Magic】 125

【Magic power】 101

【Magic resistance】 115

【Agility】 127

【Skill】Parasite x4 Parasite・Class Parasite・Info Parasite・Gold Mastery of short-range weapons Strong Attack Magic tools mastery Magic arrow Sword mastery Swift sword Dispel Bow mastery Boost Toughness Prayer (Beautiful) Dig・Skillful

Strength up Hawk's eyes Terrain adaptation: Forest Terrain adaptation: Caves Weakening spell Lucky sword spell Mud spell Toughness Magic blade High attack High attack Moral senses Magic arrow rain Eagle eye Bargain...

Because I have increased the number of classes, the number of skills has increased even more. Because I also have the compound skill in addition of the several skills of each class, even I got to the point where I don't know what's what, yes.

There are skills from classes that I haven't learned yet because I haven't leveled them to their necessary level, so I started to level up my skills even a little before changing the target. For now I will raise their level until it becomes slower.

However, it's really troublesome to think if the correct thing to do is to increase my classes or not.

Even if after all this time my feelings start to change, I don't have a sense of unity.

Though, I'm glad to have so many skills, but more than that, what I want to confirm is my attributes.

Before when I asked to Wendy about it, the status of a typical adventurer is about 120 or 130, approximately.

So now I'm not different from them at all.

Even if the normal is to only have one class, that my ability is high, well, it's because I'm gaining even more experience than what the source of my skill is earning, but what is more mysterious than that, is that I have defeated a stronger monster like the Cocytus Wolf.

I think that my status is really bad, so there's no reason for me to have been possible to cut off the Cocytus Wolf's hard body.

So why was possible to do that with this kind of status.

But when I look to the status, I sensed something out of place.

I have repeated skills?

Toughness and high attack and so on, there are two with the same name. After looking at it, I feel uneasy, but each one was learned from a different class.

There is the case when you learn the same skill from different classes, so that's why I have two.

At that moment, I suddenly realized.

It can be that, I thought, so I used the appraisal lens to see the details of the attributes.

「—So that's why」

The high attack skill is always multiplying my attack by 1.4 times. And the sword mastery skill is multiplying my attack by 1.3 times when I have equipped a sword. The mastery of short-range weapons skill is multiplying my offensive attack and defense by 1.2 times when I have a short-range weapon equipped. The physical strength mastery is always multiplying my offensive attack by 1.2 times. The terrain domain: forest, multiplies all my status by 1.5 times when I'm in a forest...

Etc, the so called passive skills—If I meet the requirements, the effects of the skills are put automatically into action, and these have specially the effect to increase my abilities.

And the ones with the same name are also included, all the effects are overlapped.

In other words, my offensive power is the basic attributes by  $1.4 \times 1.4 \times 1.3 \times 1.2 \times 1.2 \times 1.15 = 4$  times approximately, and they are always in effect!

And you have to count the active skills, in other words, the effect of the skills that are activated at the time when I use them, and with boost their effects strengthen my attack and agility, and using the strong attack in only one attack I raised my power even more. Respectively they increase by 30% and 30%

If you combine those effect—It's likely, I used towards the Cocytus Wolf approximately seven times my usual strength, the outcome was that I made the wolf eat a slash of 700% or more of my offensive attack.

Well, of course it would die.

I grabbed the sword to experiment, and when I used the appraisal lens to see my offensive power, even if some skills are not working right now, a 120(40) is shown.

If it were as usual I would be only able to see them as my basic attributes, but now that I'm looking at the corrected version in detail, I'm aware of it.

But, I understood it.

It was because of this.

It's normal for the people of this world to only have one class. Actually, from all the people I have parasitized so far nobody had a second class.

In that case, I can't collect so many of them with the skill of my hand. If it's swordsman, then I can only get sword mastery. And even if you pile up the active skills, at the most, it will only be multiplied by two.

But in my case, I will get at least ten times their power while I continue to pile them up.

Because all those were multiplied, when the numbers increased, the explosive power ended up increasing. An originally impossible super-correction was put into effect.

If you accumulate even a 30%, it eventually will become a 100%.

What I can say, I can understand very well the terrifying true of the compound interest, you have to return the borrowed money at once.

The other attributes also increased pretty well, so it's no wonder

that I was able to dodge that flashy attack of the wolf, and even kill them in one shot with my magic.

In some way, this is the violence of the numbers.

I who has raised the tension of the game by many times, overflowing with confidence and motivation, left the inn with a dash.

And of course, I was given weird looks, yes.

# Chapter 13: Daily Life At Laurel

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After leaving the inn, at last I calmed down, and for a while I began to try the food from those street stalls. After making a detour, I went to the adventurers guild since I haven't been there for a long time.

「Ah, Eiji-san! What happened? These days you didn't show your figure at all」

After recognizing my figure, Wendy started calling me with her hands from the counter.

「I was taking it easy these days」

「Yes, it's true that you found something rare in your last request. But I'm so envious that you'll be fine even if you don't work for a while. I also want a vacation」

But that isn't even the reason for why I have so much free time.

But it's not like I could say exactly that in front of the eyes full of envy of Wendy.

「Is there any, request?」

「Yes, of course there are. Umm, but, I'm sorry, however I can't introduce you to any other request up to the E-rank」

To Wendy who says it shyly, I shake my head.

「That's natural, I'm a F-rank. I even completed the request normally. It was luck, it just happened that I killed a well-known monster, and that itself could have been just a fluke. It's not a big deal. It's not like it will raise my rank immediately」

「That you are able to say that and accept it, it really helps me. Thank you」

Wendy puts her two hands together in front of her chest, and with wet eyes, she bowed her head.



「But you are wrong in one thing, it was a big deal. If Eiji hadn't defeated it, then, anyone could have fallen prey to the beast. Let's return to the main point, the request... these are the ones!」

A bunch of documents were piled up.

I began to see them one by one.

Which of these I will choose? When thinking like that, Wendy who was looking at them with me, from the pile of papers, pulled out one and showed it to me.

「This is what I recommend to you. The reward is good for such difficulty. I had that request in my eyes for the moment when Eiji decided to return」

The request recommended by Wendy, surely it has a big reward.

And even though there are many with low rewards, completing that type of request must be really easy.

While I continue thanking her, I pick one of those recommended by Wendy, and then I choose two from the rest.

「Poriu grass harvest, help to dig a hole, Peepu Rabbit subjugation... Leaving aside the first, the last two are... I don't think you should take them」

Wendy approaches her face to my ear, and whispers.

「Both of them are difficult to complete and their reward is really low, they have not found a capable person for a long time. Instead of that, you should focus in others with better rewards. You don't need to hold back in front of other people, because you already have your past achievement」

Wendy was flitting the request that she had recommended me in front of mine, but I shook my head.

If I want to be frank, I have the skill 【Parasite・Gold】, so the rewards doesn't matter to me. Even with this rank, the amount that I'm earning with my skill is a lot, I don't need to consider if

this or that request is worth or not, there is not great difference.

That's why everything is alright, I only need to do the one that catches my attention.

「No, it's alright. I don't care about that, things like the how much the reward is. Please, leave them for people who need the most. I'm doing these request because I'm interested」

And when I say it honestly, what?

Wendy looks startled, what is happening now?

「...Is that so」

Eh, what?

「Because Eiji has the enough ability to do any request you want, you will take the initiative to do the request that others have no interest, is that right? For the sake of everyone, you are willing to bear all the hardships, that is something that not everyone can do. Everyone is striving to grab all the delicious requests for themselves. And despite that, you thought about me as well, so you've only grabbed one request of all that I have recommended you. Thank you, I, even though I don't know what I should say at this moment, I'm deeply moved」

With her face close to mine, her eyes become even more wet.

Eh? It's like she is really reading too much into it.

「No, it's not like that...」

「I will not tell to anyone. Yes, I understand. I really understand you! It's not something to exaggerate in such way, so nobody will pay attention to you. I understand, after this, even if it's only myself, I will engrave your true intentions in my heart. Then, the three request, please work hard! Because even I'll support you with the best of my ability on the side of the information!」

To the Wendy who is grasping tightly her fist, I gave up explaining, and then I decided to hear the details of the request.

And because Wendy was talking so enthusiastic about the information of the request, I started to move immediately, I left behind the guild.

# Chapter 14: Piling Up Three Kinds Of Different Requests In The Other World

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- Poriu grass collecting

【With the prevalence of the cold responsible of the nasal mucus, the nasal congestion, itchy eyes and itchy throat, the main ingredient of the medicine for cold, the stock of the Poriu grass has decreased. I want you to collect them】

First, I will start with the collection request.

I wanted to do it the last time, but in the end, I didn't do it. From the first time I came to the adventurers guild I wanted to try that type of request.

I already heard from Wendy the approximate location. It's in the forest of the east like the last time, but it seems that they are growing in a different place.

After walking for awhile towards that place, a red wild boar came to attack me, but somehow I was able to defeat it. I continued walking forward.

There was others, like an aggressive deer trying to stab me with its horn, a giant bee attacking me, and a group of leeches of about thirty centimeters trying to approach me quietly, this is a quite survival forest.

Seriously, I think it would be better if the people in the guild could put more effort in these subjugation requests.

「Hm?」

When I was thinking things like that, a rabbit came leaping from the bushes.

When I look at it closely, I realized that the rabbit has a nose like a pig, and that it has something attached on its back, something like the mane of the fin.

That is not the characteristic of the peep rabbit?

「This is the killing two birds with the same stone? Of course, I have only found a rabbit」

•Peep Rabbit subjugation

【Please, exterminate the peep rabbit that is devouring the field crops. Only one rabbit is enough to destroy a field】

Indeed, even now it's chewing something like a eggplant.

Even if the rabbit looks cute while chewing the vegetable that its holding with its front legs, but in reality it's a harmful animal that is destroying the fields, it's impossible to forgive.

I grabbed the sword with my hand and then I ran towards the rabbit.

With a speed even surpassing wolves, something like a rabbit it would be ea-... What!

Though I was able to get close, but as if the rabbit had sprouted wings and was flying with such wings, the rabbit was exchanging hits with my sword. As if it were making fun of me, sometimes the rabbit kicked hard with its hind legs and sometimes it swings its tail that is like cotton before attacking me.

Don't underestimate the whole human race.

This monster is like those from those RPG where they only have a high evasion rate, and this type of enemy makes you accumulate even more stress than those who have high defensive power, really.

「Shit, I'm not making any progress」

I can't hit it with only swinging my sword.

To exterminate this clever animal that even uses the trees and brushes—I don't have other alternative but to use a difficult attack to evade.

I will show you, the power of my compound skill.

Class•Mage.

Class•Hunter.

The skill that has born from those two classes, the Magic Arrow Rain.

I mimicked the action of drawing a bow to its limit, and then I released my skill over the head of the Peep Rabbit.

Even though the Peep Rabbit was making a face like saying ‘What is this fool doing?’ while seeing the whereabouts of the arrow, but at the next moment the Peep Rabbit started to panic.

But it’s was too late.

The magic arrow began to divide in the air, and after the innumerable magic arrows formed a rain, it began to pour down.

Even if it can evade some of them, it won’t work against a big area attack.

There is no place where to hide.

If the Peep Rabbit could make another jump it would have been possible for it to escape from the attack range, but that rabbit closed its eyes after being pierced by an arrow.

Good grief, that was a formidable enemy.

My personal impression was that this rabbit was even more troublesome than the Silver Wolf. No matter how I think about it, if you don’t have a considerably ability then it would be impossible to complete the subjugation. Now I understand the reason why Wendy didn’t recommend me these requests.

If the offensive power is high=It’s means that the monster it’s not difficult to deal. I learned a lot.

I have learned a lot and I even have procured a good ingredient

When I was thinking about having a fantasy like rabbit stew to

eat, I saw far away in the distance a peculiar plant which was extending itself drawing something like a spiral.

「That is the Poriu grass. It's really convenient, these hunter's skills」

Skill 【Hawk's eyes】.

A skill that makes easy to find whatever you're you're looking for.

In few words, the power of observation, the more attentive you're the more easy to find the thing you're looking for.

When I cross through the roots of trees and the obstructive branches, what was there was a location where plants were growing in masse, not just one, there it was growing a massive quantity of Poriu grass.

They would have problems next year if I take everything right now, that's why I will collecting about 1,5 kg, because it seems that the amount they need is about 1 kg.

I have a good feeling, until now everything went smooth.

Let's go with this mood.

## Chapter 15: Piling Up Three Kinds Of Different Requests In The Other World (2)

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After putting everything in my space bag, I went straight to complete the third request.

- Help digging a hole

【Please dig up a hole to bury the garbage】

Because this was a too simple request, I was in doubt in whatever this is something that a adventurer would do or not, but even so I had a certain presentiment.

If you think normally, it's impossible for a stupid request like this to exist.

In that case If they continue to call this a garbage hole request, then surely they must have some type of ulterior motive?

If that's the case, then the reward will be different to the one presented, and that doesn't mean that I would be able to obtain something like a superb reward suited to their ulterior motives?

I accepted this request thinking in that way.

If something looks shabby at first glance, then there is nothing more to think, it's common sense, and I understand that.

「Then, please start digging the hole immediately, there is a lot of garbage piled up. It is necessary that even the deepest hole would be able to hold at least 30 people」

In the outskirts of a vacant land, after the old man finished speaking he passed me a shovel.

I received the shovel, and then I started to wait.

The old man leaves.

...Eh?



And the special event?

—But nothing special happens!

「This is real? Seriously, this is nothing more than a digging request?」

Well, hahaha.

And I was absolutely sure they would have an ulterior motive but there was nothing at all.

Of course, something like common sense or theories are completely unrelated.

Let's stop reading too much into. The world is more simple than what I thought.

「Sigh—. Now I don't have other choice but to do it」

Even though it's troublesome, there is no use in complaining about something already accepted.

Now that it has come to this, let's dig quickly the hole and finish this.

I stabbed the shovel on the ground and I started digging.

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With my current ability I should not have any serious problem, but the ground is considerably hard.

I'm fine for the moment, but if you dig a large hole, gradually it will become more difficult.

...Ah, that's right.

It wasn't that I had the perfect skill for this?

The skill of the class 【Shaman】, 【Weakening Spell】

I need to activate the skill on the place where I want to dig up.

「Ooh, it's a success. So, this is even effective for things」

I tried to experiment with things, and it seems that it's also effective.

I thought that it was possible to use it only in battles, but it's not as if it's already fixed to a determined moment. It's important to try everything.

And because of the skill of the class 【Miner】, only by standing on the ground, I have acquired a special buff, and because of the synergy—Ooh, I can dig, I can dig. I can dig up the soft ground that is like a pudding.

Even if I don't use the compound skill, if I use the skills together, then I can give a birth to a even better effect than using them individually. This is also the strong point of having more than two classes.

Let's name this the earth pudding combo.

「Hyahha—!」

Spending the whole time digging up the ground with all my strength that has become like pudding has become somewhat fun. I ended up digging and digging.

When I realized, the sun had set, even the hole was dug exhaustively.

I returned to my senses the moment I saw the huge hole.

Why? When I think calmly, even myself didn't know what part of digging a hole was fun.

Though I don't understand it. I'm sure that I was laughing at that time.

Then, what's wrong with that? Even if I don't understand the reason. I know for sure that I had enjoyed that moment.

...eh, what I'm doing reciting a poem.

I need to go back to report to the client as soon as possible... Hm?

And at that moment, when I calmed myself, I saw something illuminated by moonlight.

What it is?

The thing that is shining inside the hole it's carefully mined and then the whole thing is dug.

It was a dagger.

The polished surface that it's like a mirror even in the dark stands out.

Even though the point of the sword it's bent, and it was buried in the ground, this glow is not common. It makes me think that is something of great value. I'm lucky, let's pick it.

I grabbed the short sword, and then I went to report to the client about having finished digging the hole.

Though the client, the grandpa couldn't believe me that I finished so fast, but when I pulled him to go against his will, he was so surprised to the point that he almost dropped his jaw.

In any case, with this I have finished the request, and when I spoke about the short sword, he said he didn't need it and that I could bury it next to the trash or that I could bring it with me, so I took the sword with me.

In any case, this will be most likely buried so there wouldn't be any problem even if I take it with me.

Therefore, all the requests were finished.

Because I did things that I wasn't used to that I ended tired, so I left the report until tomorrow and I returned to the inn.

Since it appears that the old man of the inn finished cooking the rabbit that I passed to him before I started to dig, I slowly tasted the hot stew, and then I fell quickly into a deep sleep.

When I finished the report the next day, despite being surprised, Wendy gave me quickly the reward. Oh well, compared with the

money I can earn with the Parasite•Gold skill, this is hardly surprising, however, the feeling of receiving money for achieving something is not bad at all.

It looks like the pleasure of manual work is awakening in me, in me of all people.

It seems like I was able to obtain two things which it seems to have some value, the gem of Cocytus Wolf and the short sword of yesterday, and when I asked Wendy about what the others adventurers do at those time, she told me that it seems that there are some nobles which are extremely fond of rare articles in this town.

It seems that they are always saying to the adventurers and the guild that if you happen to find something rare to let them buy it by all means. There are also others adventurers who make dealings with others adventurers.

And it seems that right now I'm in possession of two rare like items.

They don't look so useful, so I might as well sell them. Besides, if it's a collector, It may have things even more rare. If I can see those things then that would be interesting.

There is the possibility that the collector might have an amazing and unique rare item. I'm weak to that sort of thing.

Thus, I headed towards the noble's house that Wendy taught me.

# Chapter 16: Collector

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What I found when I went towards the place that she taught me, was a splendid residence.

Unlike the inn and the guild, this big and beautiful white house has a spacious garden attached to it and the shrubbery is well maintained.

While thinking that this house has this and that, I call the gatekeeper that is guarding the gate with the design of a ivy.

「I'm an adventurer. I have brought a rare item for Coru Unsusan, could you pass the message?」

「Coru-sama is not currently at home. You will have to come again」

What did you say? My enthusiasm has been killed.

But, there is nothing to be done if there isn't someone. Though I don't understand the work of a noble, but from what I heard, he has to be really busy administering the town.

When I asked about the time he would return, he gatekeeper said that he didn't know.

It can't be helped, let's come again when I am free. Even though I'm always free most of the time.

「No, this is really clever. I ended up seeing something unworthy of my age」

「Fufu, uncle-sama has even formed rows in the front with the little children to see it. It had to be really interesting」

「Hahhahaha, it was a little embarrassing. But did it not seemed as if the doll were alive? I liked seeing those types of performances for a long time. If I had not been born as a noble, I'm sure I would have been an actor」

When I was about to turn back, I heard the voice of a man and

and a woman.

When I turn around, a middle-aged man dressed with a nice attire and a young woman were standing side by side.

「Oh, it could be a guest?」

After seeing me, the man asks.

「A guest... Then, that means that you are Coru Unsu-san?」

「That's right. As expected, you have business with me? Although I'm sure that I haven't made any promises, what it is?」

「Hm, I'm an adventurer, and I have been told that you were collecting rare items. I have found—」

「Ooh! You have brought something! Since nothing has arrived lately, I was itching to do something! Hahhahaha, I'm lucky, and for that to be the moment when I returned. Now now, come in」

After the noble with a short mustache said that with a big voice, I was guided to the gate.

But the the guard blocked the road in panic.

「Please wait a minute, Coru-sama! Even if this man says something like that, he has not taken out anything to prove his identity. Please don't be so impatient, please wait for a moment」

「It's alright, it's alright. I am confident that my eyes are able to discern an adventurer」

Coru-Ansu hits his thick chest with his fist with an improper smile.

And I thought he would have a considerably dignity. The gatekeeper was raising his eyebrows making the /\ character.

「...But, didn't a merchant lie the other day to enter into the residence?」

「Mu? Fumu, I'm sure that something like that happened, but, well, isn't alright? That means that the merchant was also

enthusiastic to enter! Hahhahaha!」

...Is this ok?

Well, I'm feeling relieved that this uncle looks so easy going.

If it was the kind of noble that is strict or proud, my nerves would have worn out, I was little afraid of not knowing what to do.

「It's alright, gatekeeper. I remember the face of this adventurer」

I was feeling relieved seeing their exchange of words of those two in front of me. Suddenly, the woman who had come with Coru joined.

「Hey, Eiji-sama」

She was grinning.

Suddenly I was taken aback, startled I nodded.

「Ah, yes. I'm Eiji. That's my name. Ah, that's right, here it is my guild card——」

Even though I didn't know if this would work as an identification paper, when I let the gatekeeper see it, he nodded.

But then, I have a hunch that for what the noble woman said before I presented the card, it was already ok.

When the gatekeeper gives out the ok, again he stares me at my eyes and then he laughs.

「Now you can enter freely」

「Yes, thank you. By the way, why do you know about me?」

「It happens that I've also gone to the adventurers guild. At that time, even if it was a little, I was able to see you. It seems that you are a rookie with great expectations」

「No, it's not like I'm so strong...」

That a beauty tells me, it makes me feel embarrassed.

Eh, adventurers guild?

「Did you go to the adventurers guild to make a request?」

「No」

「Then... Eh, it can be that. Are you an adventurer? You too?」

「Yes. I'm called Ally-Duo. Pleased to make your acquaintance, Eiji-sama」

Ally bowed with an elegant gesture.

「Hohou, this is really wonderful」

I, who was invited to the residence, was lead to the reception room.

Surrounded by a massive dark brown table, Coru, Ally, and I were sitting in a fine sofa.

Inside the room, a sword and a helmet, decorations, a doll with a weird face, a plant with twisted petals, and many other things. Various goods are lined up.

It doesn't seem to be false the history of his strange tastes.

What Coru is seeing is the blue jewel, the orb fang of the Cocytus Wolf.

He puts on thin gloves, to feel the material and feel the quality while making sure that he don't soil it. And yet, I touched it bare-handed to my heart's content. I'm absolutely sure that it has grease among other things.

「It has a pretty blue color. So this is the reason why there was a commotion at that time」

Ally who was looking at the jewel in the hands of Coru, diverts his gaze to me.

「Though it's embarrassing to be told that has become a commotion, but you are right, it's from that time」

「Everyone was surprised. A unnamed rookie defeated the Cocytus Wolf」



「No, it wasn't so much. I'm sorry for not having noticed Ally-san.」

When I said this apologizing, Ally shakes her head.

「Please, don't be worried. It's not like I go so often, and neither it was so important」

I'm also feeling guilty.

It was a waste to not see this kind of person.

It may be a jet black color like of a raven? She has a beautiful long black hair, only by seeing it you would feel surprised.

Just by looking her face filled with a calm expression, it would calm and heal your heart. You could feel acutely things like tolerance or affection.

If you feel like looking at her face for a long time, then even if you are tired, when you look at her face, you would feel again full of spirit. Such feeling.

「What has happened? You have been staring my face」

「Nn-no, it's nothing. Ahaha. Leaving that aside, it's little unexpected for a noble to be an adventurer. Even if I didn't know much about nobles, I didn't have that sort of image」

「Fufu, they often tell me that. Actually, it's something unusual. Even among my acquaintances there aren't people like that」

「It's like you said! There aren't nobles like Ally!」

The one who raised their voice was Coru.

Before I knew it, he placed the jewel on a cloth above the table.

「I have to say it, this is an splendid gem. Even so, you can only obtain this kind of thing thanks to the efforts of all the adventurers, it's really good that there aren't many nobles becoming splendid adventurers. Even my son, I told him that it would better for him to be sitting at desk than doing something so

dangerous. Seriously, in spite of being youngsters they don't follow the trend. It would be better if Ally behaved like a girl, you know」

Coru poked Ally's cheek with his hand, Ally grabbed that hand with her two hands.

What an intimate uncle and niece, I'm really envious. (E/N: ( ͡° ͜ʖ ͡° ))  
「Uncle-sama, if you say those kind of things, Rangu-sama will be sad」

「Hmph, it's alright. That stubborn person. However, I'm glad that you are interested even if its only you, Ally. Thanks to that, we can met often in this way. I can see the lively face of Ally, I can hear how my sister is doing. I'm really glad that you come. ...Oh, that's right. I was able to determine the worth of this jewel」

Well then, for how much he will buy it.

But the number that Coru said was, 3 gold coins... Wait, gold coins!? It's not silver or light silver!?

I did not think they were going to give so much for only one gem, so I immediately answered with an agreement. We made the contract before he changes his mind.

The collector and I, we're both satisfied. The dealing for this one item is finished.

## Chapter 17: Ally=Duo

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Very pleased, I began to eat baked sweets that were like madeleines that they brought.

The moment I bit it, it was overflowing with butter, but even so, it was delicious. The oil and sugar is a delicious combination, that is the truth of the world.

「This sweet it's delicious, and the tea has a very good aroma」

「Oh, Eiji-sama also likes it? I'm the same. My friends always tell me things like it's very sweet or that it has so much oil, but that is what makes it so good. What is delicious in this town, is in the main street...」

Ally also began talking happily about sweets, maybe she was happy that her number of comrades has increased that she taught me the shops where they sell delicious sweets.

Coru-sama who was at the side joined the conversation talking about the appraisal of the short sword.

「Fuumu, it's beautiful, this is shining with an unusual strength. This is not silver, it may be the brightness of platinum? Moreover, this light is the one from when it's bathed in magic. Thought the tip is bent, this may be something used in ceremonies or the like, perhaps. Allow me to also buy this」

「It will be a pleasure」

It is very helpful that he is a reasonable person.

While I was immersed in my thoughts, a white hand came from the side.

「Uncle-sama, it's alright if I also see it?」

「Aah, of course. Eiji-kun, you don't mind?」

When I answered with an 'Of course', Ally nodded and then grabbed the short sword.

Ally was taking a good look at the short sword with earnestly in her eyes, then after looking carefully at it from variety of angles, she slowly lowered the short sword.

Then, with a look in which has disappeared completely her smile, she stared at Coru and said decisively.

「Uncle-sama, I have ended up liking this」

With a resolutely face, she turned her neck towards my direction.

「Eiji-sama, I'll pay you 30% more than what my uncle-sama would give you. Please, you wouldn't hand over to me?」

Eh, you ended up liking it so much?

What I can do, even if you say 30% more... When I give out a quick glance towards Coru, he opened greatly his mouth in haste.

「Wait, Ally! I was the one who had an eye on it first!」

「Fufu, uncle-sama. We are in a world where the one who sleeps loses, it doesn't matter if you are first or not. The one who obtain this for the higher amount is the one who is greater」

「Aah, saying such words, Ally you're... That's not good, I'm the one Eiji-kun came to sell things」

Coru also objects.

This is a fight without honor and humanity between relatives.

If you are surrounded with people similar to you, you will end arguing.

Frankly, as I don't want to end up involved, I'm only going to remain as spectator.

「Uncle-sama, the next month it's my birthday」

「Uu」

Ally concentrated all her attention towards the short mustache on the face of Coru.

As if Ally was at loss for words, she wipes her sweat.

「I think that the one who made the gift for the wedding anniversary of uncle-sama and aunt-sama was me, isn't that right?」

「Kuu... It's my loss. Alright! I will buy this for you as a gift!」

「Eeh? No, you don't have to go so far, it's enough if you only pass to me the right to buy it. If I make you do all that, I will feel guilty」

Even though Ally looked troubled, Coru refuses with determination.

「No, I cannot do such thing in the birthday of my lovely niece. It's your birthday present. I was thinking that this could also be a commemorative gift for your quickly growth as an adventurer. This is the so called filial piety, so accept it without worries」

「Uncle Coru-sama... Thank you!」

Clinging to each other, Ally who was being embraced by Coru's arm was with a smile.

Seeing that, Coru's eyes were watery.

Uwaa, so sweet.

Even if you say that your niece is cute, she already has a such good age, buying these kind of things as a gift, oh dear, this is a hopeless uncle.

...I understand that I absolutely don't have the qualifications to say such things, yes, I'm aware. This is that type of conversation, 'You, indeed, what were you doing a such good age?' Yes, that type of conversation. I'm sorry.

But well, even if she isn't a child, you wouldn't have interest towards about the favorite adventures of your son, and that only leaves you with Ally, so it's not like I don't understand that him came to like a lot his niece.

Nevertheless, I'm envious... They are so close to each other.

Well, though such an event happened, I was able to sell my two treasures without any problems. I was able to obtain eight gold coins.

After leaving behind Coru's residence completely satisfied, I greeted the gatekeeper and left through the door.

「Wait a second, Eiji-sama」

After hearing a clearly voice I stopped my foot and I turned around, there Ally came to me trotting.

「What happened?」

「This—Sweets. Please, eat them in the inn」

She passed me a package, and I grabbed it as if I were wrapping my hand.

「Thank you. I will use that short sword with great care」

「It's me who should say it—!」

It's not like I was surprised by how smooth is Ally's skin.

Of course, there is a bit of that but, I was surprised because I used parasite with her.

After hearing the she is an adventurer, to satisfy my own curiosity I tried using the parasite skill, so I was able to find about what is her class with 【Parasite·Info】effect. And her class was 【Spirit User】<sup>38</sup>

【Enchanter】<sup>35</sup>

Though I parasitized many people with my ability until now, there was no one who had a second class.

Moreover, she is the one who has the highest level until now. Among all adventurers I know the highest was in the level 20, and they were overwhelming.

And look at her, this person.

It's unthinkable to think that this is only a hobby of this noble, it

isn't she the most powerful person among the adventurers that are now in this town?

「What happen?」

「Ah, nothing, thank you. Um, no, bye」

「Good bye. I'm looking forward to the next time we meet」

To not let her realize my shaking, I left.

In my way of going back to the inn, my head was full of thinking about who she was.

And when I return to the inn, when I open the wrapped package, along with those delicious sweets, it also had a letter. No, this can't be called a letter. It would better to say that it's a memo.

『Tomorrow, five o'clock, at the north gate』

# Chapter 18: Let's Finish Shopping While It's Cool In The Morning

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The next morning after I left the Coru=Unsu residence.

What business could Ally=Duo have with me?

Though I'm curious about it, I will have to wait until the afternoon.

So I decided to shop to kill time until it is the agreed time.

After seeing the others adventurers I realized, I'm poorly equipped.

Also, I don't have many tools.

Even though I don't know to what extent I will be active in the guild from now on, it's not a bad choice to replace my equipment.

Above all, yesterday I have gained a considerable amount of money, and it will continue to flow in everyday since I have that skill, so I will use the money without holding back.

「Ah, that is—」

There were a lot of shops side by side aimed for the adventurers, mercenaries and the like. When I went towards a section called Iron Block, what I found there, was the figure of Veil, and it seems that she came to buy something like me.

Naturally we decided to do the shopping together and when I said that I wanted to buy a weapon, Veil recommended me and introduced me to a weapons shop, so I went in.

「It's really good that they were so generous, that noble called Coru=Unsu. I'm sure that Veil also knows him, the one who buys rare things」

「Of course. It was delicious thought it was only one time when he bought something from me」



「However, I'm a little worried. If so many adventurers going to him for his generosity and making their own price, then will he not run out of money? There were many things in that place」

「Ahaha, isn't that right? He still has a considerable sum of money, and it's not like it's common to find so many rare things that could pass his appraisal, and it's more, I have heard the story that it's also his objective to pass money to others. Instead of piling up the money for himself, it would be better if he pass the money to good adventurers so the adventurers would spend money in this town. So if he does that, then there would be other who could profit besides the adventurers. He obtains the rare items he want, the adventurers obtain the necessary items they want and the shops earn money. Everyone makes a profit, and in the end, it would bounce around this town from one place to another, making it abundant」

Contrary to what I have thought, this isn't only a good uncle with good intentions, it seems that he thought about it considerably.

Even though it makes the face of a kind hearted person, but he is really a full fledged person.

Then, let's help with that.

As planned, I thought about buying goods with the money from the deal, so I went to pick a weapon to my liking.

Inside the weapons shop and the protector shop, it was overflowing with different types of equipment, a sword and a spear, a bow and a axe, a helmet and a shield with a cloak, etc. The equipment was lined up one after another, so it was a magnificent view.

It's because I have never seen this type of scene where so many weapons are side by side.

If an earthquake occurs, then every sword from shelves would

fall down, and if that happens... Ooh, scary.

Let's see, there are many things but what should I buy?

Judging from my current combat style until now, the standard are the physical attacks, but then I feel that the speed type is also important, I even use magic now and then.

I have the classes swordsman and hunter so perhaps it would be ok to have a sword and a bow, but I can make long range distance attacks with the magic, so I don't know if I need to equip a bow.

So that leaves swords in the first place of what I need.

That's why I decided to examine the swords in the corner with all my focus.

A thick and heavy sword, even the sword guard is carefully elaborated, the blade of this sword is of a vivid brilliant red. Indeed, this sword has the feeling of being an orthodox sword.

Even though I grabbed various swords with my hands, I still cannot tell if those are of good quality or not. I can only tell to the extent that if it would be difficult to use only if its heavy or big and filling it with magic.

It's considerably difficult to realize that if the quality of the blade's edge is good or not. It would be good to buy it for the time being if the price is high?

「Hmmm, Eiji likes this sword?」

At that moment, Veil was looking from my side at the sword that I'm holding.

「Yes, this may be the one that suits me. But for many number of reasons I'm hesitating」

「At least, the sword that you are right now holding it's completely useless, It was made half-heartedly. You should be able to discern between such things」

「Veil, you understand?」

To my words, Veil ends up glaring at me.

And then, while she waves her finger in front of my nose, she said.

「Have you forgotten? I'm a former blacksmith」

「Ah. That's right, I remember having heard that before」

Veil lets out a magnificent sigh.

「Remember that, seriously. Because, I even remember that Eiji was a neet」

「It's fine if you forget that」

Leaving aside the part of me being a neet, it's good news to know that Veil was a former blacksmith.

Immediately, I tried asking her if there wasn't a sword easy to handle and with good appearance.

Then, Veil gave me an explanation about how to choose a weapon on my own .

According to her, the weapons of this world are not so simple that they only serve to attack. They have special effects that can raise your magical power, agility, magic attack or others abilities. There are equipment that when you equip them, they can give you effects similar to the skills, and there are even weapons that are filled with magic power and the like. It seems that there is a lot of variety.

That type of special weapons are of course rare, and It seems that there aren't sold so often in ordinary weapons shops.

As result of both of us seeing a variety of weapons, I ended up buying a black silver sword that also has agility magic, and as my request was fulfilled in a certain shop that Veil had recommended me, the sharpness was top class, and its durability was also good.

No matter how much the weapon excels in offensive power, if it's not durable, then it's not good. That's the number one belief of

Veil.

Now follows the protector, she recommended me that if I had a style of evading rather than enduring, then rather than buy the average armor and helmet, it would better to buy an ornament loaded with magic, so I ended up buying a talisman, and it seems that it obstructs the invocation of magic when your protector is hardened.

That's why the mages are always lightly dressed. Since I am skilled in magic and physical attacks, then I also should be lightly dressed.

Rather than shoes and clothes that are suited for combat, I ended up buying mostly things to endure the exploration in forests and dungeons. Because I would have problems if suddenly my casual wear were to be tattered.

Then, a rope, a lamp and portable food, and also potions and recovery medicine for stamina and magic power and so on. I have also buy everything necessary for day the day of the adventurer.

I bought it all in one breath(E/N: fancy way of saying in one go), and I ended without money in a breath... Well, I didn't spent everything but my money has decreased considerably. Because I used almost 6 gold coins, the profit of the deal that I made with the noble is almost gone. The recovery medicines were too expensive, leaving aside the ordinary medicines, the one that heals your wounds immediately are loaded with magic so depending on its effect, they can be quite expensive.

However, I think I have made a correct investment for my future profits with the profits I have earned. Besides, when tomorrow morning comes, I will have money with **【Parasite•Gold】**.

Now I can make the money I earn with **【Parasite Gold】** appear in other places like my space bag rather than near my bed.

I'm a bit reluctant to let the money be naked beside my bed, so

I'm relieved now.

Moreover, the space of the space bag has increased considerably since I got it.

It seems that it's related to my attributes.

I think that maybe it's because my magic power or my magic attack increased that the amount of things I can put in. Now that I can put a considerable amount of things, it has become something really convenient.

「Fuu, you've bought many things—. It's good to be generous, isn't that right?」

When we left the second-hand shop towards the street, Veil looked towards the sky with a refreshing expression.

As if it were enticed to do so, I also looked towards the floating clouds.

「Veil-sama, thank you. Thanks for joining me to look for a weapon, you really helped me recommending me a shop where I can buy tools for cheap and good quality. And above all, you even taught me how and at what time are necessary to use them」

「Fufufu, now when Eiji rank increases, I can say that I raised you. If you want, you can ask me for even more advices」

She jokingly pointed to her chest with her thumb, but it is true that she was a great help.

It's true that I don't have the head with things related to the adventurer. I have even received experience for the mercenary class from Veil.

「Yes, thank you」

「You can leave it to me! ...Um, I'm seriously saying that you can rely on me? Even if I don't have the strength, I can teach you many things, we can even do request together. Rather, even if it isn't related to the adventurers guild, things like shopping together,

that's not something that I hate, uhh... that sort of things!」

This is new, that Veil isn't able to speak clearly.

「That's right, it's not like I'm doing always requests, I enjoyed buying much more than coming here alone to buy for my own. This kind of things are also good」

「Yes, you're right! Yes!」

Veil nodded greatly with a smile as if a flower had bloomed.

And then she softly put her hand over my shoulder.

「You can always count with me, I will always accompany you. Always. Ah, that's right, it's not good if you don't know the place. My house is in——」

After marking with a ○ her home on the map, she passed it to me. I also taught Veil where is the inn where I'm staying.

「If this is hard to understand, we can always met in the adventurer's guild because now and then I'm there. You can even make Wendy guide you. Because she would be happy if she had an excuse to skip work」

「Ahaha, if Wendy had heard that, she would be angry」

「Fufuu... Hey, after this, can we go together somewhere for a bit longer? Today especially, I don't have any request, so now that we have the chance」

As if Veil were again a little indecisive, she said that while turning her eyes away from me.

I nodded, but then I stopped my head.

「I'm sorry, Veil. I have made a promise after this. So until it is time agreed I came here to this block to buy things. So that's why I forget the time, now I have to go」

「Ah... It is so」

The moment I rejected her, my face caught quickly her eyes that

were turned away.

「If you have something to do, it can't be helped. Yes, it can't be helped. It's not like Eiji is the one in wrong here, it doesn't matter, because I will going to do some request that are suited for me. Yes, I'm really going to do that so you don't have to worry about me, only because you rejected me. I don't care at all, yes, I don't care. So, you don't have be worried at all」

If you repeat many times that you don't care, rather I will be the one who is worried!?

Then, what happens with the Veil-san that says that she don't care?

While thinking, Veil suddenly started to laugh.

Realizing that, I loosened my shoulders.

「You were a bit worried?」

「...I worried a lot. Sigh, please stop that Veil, my weak heart wouldn't be able to take that」

「I'm sorry, I'm sorry. I only wanted to see your troubled face for a moment. We can always met so I'm not worried about today, it's alright, moreover it's likely that we will meet more often. Then, bye, Eiji. Bye-Bye」

「Ah, bye! You really helped me today!」

Wave back to Veil who was waving greatly, then I separated from her.

In a place beyond the reach of the views of others, the baggage that I have bought, I put it in the space bag, and then I went towards the agreed north gate.

# Chapter 19: Paienne Labyrinth Exploration

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What could be the business that the noble and adventurer Ally=Duo has with me?

If I didn't know anything, then I would have thought that she was inviting me to a date, but because I ended up seeing her class and level, I started thinking that maybe she has an ulterior motive. Rather, it has to be that for sure. It is impossible for such a delightful story to happens to me.

But, even if that it's true, now it emerges my curiosity of wanting to know what it could be that she wants.

What on the earth could the top class adventurer want with me?

While embracing such thought, I ended walking until Laurel's north gate, and just in time, the bell rang marking the five o'clock.

And at that time, a shadow showed up from behind a pillar, speaking to me.

「Thank god, you came」

As expected, it was Ally=Duo.

But—.

「Of course I came. But I was a little surprised. Your impression is different from yesterday」

Ally's outfit is completely different from yesterday.

Yesterday, she was wearing an elegant one-piece dress and indeed, she looked like a daughter of a noble, but today she is dressed as an adventurer.

She is wearing a thick and robust pair of undyed shirt and pants, and also custom made boots. After putting her luggage in something similar to a big waist pouch, her beautiful hair that yesterday was loose, was now tied into a pony tail.



Her appearance was as if she were to going to explore the jungle, and so at the moment I saw that, I had a rough idea of what she wanted to do.

「Yesterday I was the Ally of the Duo's family. And today I'm Ally the adventurer, that's it」

「The reason for why you have called me is—」

「Yes. I thought about wanting to go together with the adventurer called Eiji-sama. If you are going to capture it, then I thought that it would be better do it together in this way」

「Capture? Not a request from the adventurers guild?」

Ally nods, and then she turned around towards the outside of the gate.

And her gaze was directed towards a place to which I also went before.

「A labyrinth——」

「Yes. The Paienne Labyrinth, a labyrinth surrounded by a lot mysteries at the northeast of this town. Why does it exist? I'm not yet sure from when it started to exist, but without any doubt, there exists a world not yet known—— It makes you tremble with excitement」

Ally's voice is lively.

As expected of a person who even thought is a noble is doing of adventurer, it seems that she really likes this.

「Even though I came many times to this town where is my uncle-sama is, I've still never been into the depths of that labyrinth. But recently I thought that I have accumulated enough strength to some extent, so I wanted to take this chance to set foot into the depths of this world, that's what I was thinking. That's why for that reason I thought about joining forces, but I could not find anyone able with the power to withstand the depths, so I was

troubled」

Ally talked without stopping, then, after clapping one time, she looked me straight in the eyes.

Uh, this is in other words.

「Perhaps you judged that I—」

「Yes. At that time I learned about Eiji-sama, the new star of the adventurers guild. I wanted to go sometime to the adventurers guild to talk but then, surprisingly, yesterday I met you in front of my uncle's house. So, I wasn't longer able to hold back anymore.」

Seeming like she is enjoying herself, Ally shakes her shoulders while laughing.

I have the feeling that she is more lively than she was yesterday. Is it so much fun going to the labyrinth?

The labyrinth?

If you think about that, I remember going there from the first moment I arrived to this Laurel town.

However, until now I have never entered.

I only received the experience of the people who went in.

Actually, what could be in there?

If I care about even one time, I will be extremely curious, so I was tempted to check with my own eyes about what could be inside of the labyrinth.

Moreover, Ally has two classes that I know nothing about, the Spirit User and Enchanter. As she is a powerful person, it's obvious that the experience that I would win if I got into the labyrinth would be a great amount, And unlike my first day I different now, I'm sure that I have a decent numbers achievements.

After thinking for a moment, I nodded clearly.

「Let's go. To tell truth I have never been into the labyrinth.

That's why I have a great interest in knowing what could be inside」

「Is that true! Thank you!」

Ally grabbed my hands and bowed. She used the same gesture as yesterday in this place.

「I'm the one who is relieved, ...By the way, why did you pass me that piece of paper?」

「That paper?」

「You passed to me something yesterday, but not only you did not teach me the place, but neither that we would go to the labyrinth, it would have been better if you'd have told me everything yesterday in that place? 」

「Ah, that thing」

After looking at me with her eyes full of mischief, she began to slowly walk towards the labyrinth.

「does it not make you shiver with excitement? Doing it in that way」(E/N: ( ㄟ ㄟ ) After a while, we arrived at the entrance of the Paienne labyrinth.

Though there was an adventurer there, without hesitation, he entered into the big hole on the ground as if he were swallowed.

Ally and I also nodded, and then we entered inside.

The labyrinth, is a place that looks like it was an artificial cave.

Even if it's formed with soil and rocks, the wall and the ground were flattened, and when you go into the tunnel and then you turn around in a corner, instantly you realize that the cave is indeed different.

Even though it's a cave, the inside is bright. It feels like the ground and the walls are emitting a faint light, so to some degree I can see forward.

So it seems that inside of a dungeon, thanks to influence of the monsters, the dungeons shines. But it seems there exist dungeons with dark zones that's why you will get hurt if you relax your guard, and that's what Ally said.

There are large and wide, small and narrow, with curves, with many paths, some you have to ascend and in other you have to descend. It's organized in such way that there are many tunnels of different shapes overlapping in the labyrinth.

In this labyrinth, while we turn, descend and go towards the side that is expanding, we advance.

「This is good, this type of thing. Just walking makes you improve your mood」

While I was looking at my surroundings, Ally talked to me.

She turned around with her ponytail shaking, she nodded vigorously.

「That's right, that's right, it's like you say. This is one of the few pleasures of the adventurers. A view that you wouldn't be able to see while you are in town」

It's really just like that.

Even if I'm always staying at home, when I go out I have a lot of fun.

But even if I'm aware of that, once you lock yourself at home it becomes troublesome to go out, really, the human being is certainly mysterious. ...No, not the human being, maybe it's just me?

「Ah」

At that moment, something appeared in front of mine, I stopped in my tracks.

It finally came. A monster.

「It seems that a monster has appeared. That's a imp」

What came were imps that has grown winding horns with long and narrow limbs.

While increasing their 'Kiikii' cry, in the spacious passage, three imps were approaching us.

I draw the sword from my scabbard off my chest, and I take one step forward.

After putting myself into position, the imps turned their attention to me.

「So they are imps...? Let me do it」

I wanted to test the strength of my new equipment.

How heavy it is, its sharpness and the feeling it has... Let's go.

I kicked the ground and thrust towards the crowd of imps, and as if they were in panic, the imps folded their legs and after jumping they fell.

I reach the one that had in my eyes, and then I sharply shake the sword.

When the black blade flashes, I was able to easily cut in two the imp with only a sword thrust.

However, I only felt a quite light reaction in my hand. That means that this black silver sword is sharp to that extent. This is good, really good.

「—Now I'm in the mood!」

The remaining imps fired magic arrows.

It seems that these monsters are capable of using magic, but I grasped clearly the traces of the arrows, so I lightly twisted my body and esquivé them.

To give them back the favor, I used my own magic arrows, and so I pierced their foreheads.

Now only one remains.

And for the last service, I used 【Boost】 to increase my speed even more, and even though the imp shot an arrow because it seemed to have panicked, so after repelling the arrow with my sword I continued moving forward. Taking advantage of the moment I ended piercing its chest.

After a short groan, the imp fell to the ground.

After surveying my surroundings, I checked again if they are all dead.

Good, it's seems that I have finished.

I was able to confirm that the sharpness of the sword and the power of the magic has increased more than before. It was worth doing a strenuous effort to buy this sword.

Moreover, I understood that I can save plenty of strength when fighting against the monsters in this labyrinth, Let's explore the labyrinth with spirit.

## Chapter 20: It's Difficult To Give A Fresh Impression Of Speaking

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「Unlike the rumors, that sword is sharp」

After I defeat the monsters in the labyrinth, Ally says that to me when I'm catching my breath.

I answered to her while I put the sliver black sword in its scabbard.

「Fortunately, I was able to obtain a brand new weapon」

When I turn my waist to Ally's direction, Ally brings her hands together in front of her chest, and makes an expression as if she had understood.

The next thing she does is approaching the corpses of the imps.

「It's possible to take out some raw materials of this monster?」

「Yes. It's because they have magic accumulated on their horn, that their horn is worth. But it seems that other parts of them are not worth it」

「Really? This winding horn?」

Ally takes out a robust knife from what it seems to be her luggage bag from her waist, and skillfully cut the horns. When I was also cutting the horns of the imps, I saw Ally putting the horns on her space bag.

So Ally also has one, then as I didn't need to hide it any more, I also put the horns in my space bag.

It seems that she is carrying the knife in her hand to use it in any time possible. Without putting the sword in the bag, I placed it on my waist.

At once, the collection of the imp's horns has finished.

「I have finished. Then, let's continue to advance, Ally-san」

「Eiji-sama, in this place it's okay even if you don't speak like that」

「What do yo mean?」

I turned around the foot with which I was walking and then I headed towards Ally. Ally was pointing toward the ceiling with her knife and the imp's horn.

「We are adventurers. It's fine even if you talk like adventurers and not respectfully. What I mean is that you can speak to me as normally you do」

Ah, I understand. That's what you mean.

Somewhat I understood that Ally likes being an adventurer, so she is one of those who would fuss over such things.

I don't have any special reason to refuse, it's more, it will be easier and it also will better if we have a smooth communication between us.

「I get it. I like this way much better. Then, let's talk this way from now on, is that right? Ally」

「Yes. I also like this way. Thank you, Eiji-sama」

Ally raised the corners of his mouth as if she were truly satisfied, and then she put away the knife and the horn.

...Eh, there isn't something strange going on here?

「Um, Ally. I think you didn't change the way you speak. It wasn't the idea to not speak respectfully?」

「Yes. That's why, like you speak usually. I'm always talking like this, so I'm more comfortable in this way」

Indeed, it doesn't matter what position the other party has, she will always talk respectfully for the eternity.

So that's the way that she is more comfortably to speak?

「Ah, but if Eiji-sama feels bad that I don't accompany you in the



way you speak, I can also do it. Even though I'm not accustomed, I remember how to talk thanks to all my experience as an adventurer!」

Ally was laughing with a refreshing smile, while doing a thumbs up.

Something looks off, Ally-san!

「No, it suits better the way that you are always talking, yes」

「Is that right? Though I have a great confidence... But, yes, I'm more comfortably the way I'm always speaking. In that case, again, please treat me well, Eiji-sama」

「Yes, Ally, me too. Then, let's advance forward」

We were advancing further in the Paienne Labyrinth.

At first, monsters didn't came out often, but at the same we go even more deeper, their numbers increased. We had encounters with monsters other than Imps, like Laurel Wolves, Ghosts Moles, etc.

But we haven't encountered a truly powerful monster. We advance as I test the feeling of using the new equipment.

It has a pleasant feeling but then I realized that I haven't seen how Ally fights.

Judging from her level, she has to be really powerful.

I've tested enough my new equipment with the monsters, now I want to see Ally's strength. Even in the parasitic meaning, I want Ally to defeat monsters.

It happened at that moment when I was thinking like that as we were advancing.

The sounds of footsteps had unexpectedly reached my ears.

A monster?

—No, it's different. They sounds like footsteps, a human?

When I was half way of grabbing the sword by the hilt, from a corner forward, one, two, three shadows of a person.

They have a dagger and staff, and same as us, they are adventurers exploring the labyrinth.

But there was something different from us, and that was that they were considerably injured and worn out.

# Chapter 21: Red Zone

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「Ooh... we are saved. I didn't know what to do if they were monsters」

「Are you alright!?!」

Ally and I rushed up to the four adventurers.

The four were injured and the only difference between them was the how much they were injured. The most injured seems to have broken their foot, and was able to come up here in that condition while using the shoulder of one of his friends.

The person who is lending the shoulder has been dyed in red blood because a cut on his forehead.

「We are not so well. I'm sorry but don't you have a healing medicine? We have already used all」

「Yes, I have. Please!」

Ally and I draw from ours space bag the medicine.

If I use the【Healing hand】 that I have learned from the Shinto Priest class, I can cure specially any serious injuries.

Even though it's an excellent ability that let me use magic to cure any injuries quickly, it has the nature of making the effect decrease the more you use it, so perhaps it may not have much effect on them now.

But even so, I was able to cure them to some degree,

While thinking it would be difficult to completely cure them I continued treating them, but then, the adventurer's leader came to stop our treatment.

「Thank you, this is enough」

But even if he says that, it's not like they were completely cured.

We asked him if it wouldn't be better if we heal them more, but

the man shook his head.

「Just having done this it's enough for us to return by ourselves. This is the first layer. Right?」

When the man asks to his adventurer's friends, the adventurers that were sitting on the ground, even though they were extremely tired, everyone nodded.

「You two will be going inside? If it's so, please leave something for us. If not, I will cry」

「Ah, that's right. We are going to the place where you were defeated」

「It's not like we have so much time to spare—」

After the man finished talking, now the other adventurers continued talking.

Even though they have a splendid injury they have guts, as expected of—Wait, what it's dangerous is what's ahead. Saying things like they don't want to be healed, rather, I'm starting to be a little afraid.

「Um, it's really dangerous what lies ahead?」

「It's dangerous」

A immediate reply.

「If you continue advancing from here, what lies ahead is the second layer of the labyrinth. Thought we tried to challenge it, it was still too early for us. We were trashed, we barely escaped with our lives to the first layer. We thought that because the first layer was easy that we had a chance, but I was wrong」

The man turns around towards the place he came with a bitter face, but as if the other adventurers didn't want to remember they didn't turn around.

「So, please think about your safety. It's thanks to you that we could recover enough to barely return. If we rest a little, it will

be enough to be a match for the monsters in this layer. It will be enough with this as thanks?」

The man takes out money.

——But, Ally quickly stopped him.

「Such thing is not necessary. Because this was an emergency」

「But, the medicine that you gave us it wasn't free for you, isn't that right?」

「We are adventurers as you, if there is an emergency then it's obvious to help each other. This is one way of maintaining everyone a safe even if it's a little. We are equal, so you don't have to worry」

That's right.

If we join hands in the face of danger, then as comrades in the same profession it's not good if you don't help each other.

To Ally's word, I also talked.

「That's right. But if you still want to pay us, then you only have to help us if you find us in trouble. That's what I would most appreciate」

「You... There are not many people like you. Though it was a misfortune being defeated by monsters, it was a fortune to be able to meet all of you. I'm indebted」

The man looked as if he was impressed.

If I'm frank, I thought it was a little wasteful, but, well, let's not say something so stingy.

Thus, we were about to go after finished the treatment, but the one with the shallowest injury, the female adventurer opened her mouth.

「It will be probably ok, they still look full of energy. Hey, you all」

「Yes, we still have considerable strength to spare, so we have the

intention to go a little deeper」

「Yes, yes, as I assumed. I wonder if unlike us, your way of training is different to us, you look as if you were a considerably resourceful person. Your posture is far from normal, it seems to be that of an expert. At glance, you look full of gaps and also seems to be absent-minded, but the feeling is the opposite 」

But I believe that I'm always absent-minded.

However, the female adventurer directs her gaze towards me and nods in admiration.

「Yes, yes, I'm sure they are going to be fine. Besides, there was someone else who had advanced towards the second layer」

「Towards such dangerous place alone?」

The female adventurer nods.

「Ahaha... Far from being able to go alone, it seems that us who were defeated are the novices. When I asked, the person entered inside as a way of training to get used to his/her strength, isn't that amazing?」

「Really? There is such a person?」

「If were me, I would be so scared that would have been impossible」

The female adventurer stuck out his tongue jokingly and said 「Then, be careful, especially against the ogres that defeated us. Thank you」and then she waved her hands as she was glued to the floor.

We too said goodbye to the adventurers and then we continued advancing further.

Immediately, the long passage changes and now we have to descend, the road gradually begins to darken making it seem that it will continue forever descending.

While we were descending, I asked Ally.

「The deeper we go, the more it will change?」

「Yes, and it will also increase the monster's strength. But even so, it will increase the chances to find something good. Because if there are strong monsters, then that means that the dungeon it's filled with an magic element, and therefore it's likely that the tools are inside the dungeon are filled with a strong power. But if you defeated the Cocytus Wolf, then you will be alright」

I understand.

Nothing ventured, nothing gained, eh?

Thought I was a little uneasy, Ally said knowing my achievements that I would be ok, so for me it wasn't yet a dangerous place.

Then, it will be alright to move forward? Even if this were really a tiger's den and what is there is only a tiger cub, even so I want to give up and turn back. Of course, I'm that type of person—Wow.

「It's amazing」

Suddenly, and unexpected spacious room appeared.

It's likely that to the ceiling there are at least dozens of meters, and in all directions, the diameter is so wide that you can't see the end of the room.

—It's so wide that it's not like you can see the end.

There, are standing stone pillars everywhere, and they are so wide that they act as walls, so it's impossible to see completely the inside.

There are also stone pillars like they were trees and shrubs, so this place is as it were a jungle.

「This is the second layer of the Paienne Labyrinth. The visibility and mobility are obstructed, the monsters will be powerful in their home. But we'll be fine, let's advance without relaxing our guard」

I brace myself after hearing Ally's words, then we move even

more further leaving behind stone pillars as we walk.

The second layer of the Paienne Labyrinth.

Immediately after continuing advancing through the jungle of stones like layer, we heard again footsteps.

But this time, is evidently that is not from a human. But that sound is the one that is emitted by something that has a considerable mass.

Immediately after having taken a stance as the sound was approaching, what appeared from the stone wall was an ogre that was covered densely in hair, and it didn't lose even with the height of the many stone pillars.

Though I don't know what exactly is, it has a gigantic femur as a club in its hand.

「Ally, Ally. This monsters it's completely different from the others in the first layer, this monster」

「It's like those adventurers said, they are in a completely different league」

No, they clearly said that, but, isn't it the norm to advance with small steps?

This has the same feel as when you start fighting in the surroundings of the village at the beginning of a game and suddenly dungeons filled with monsters appears.

But contrary to me who was completely on guard, Ally remained completely on calm.

「This is an ogre」

「A ogre, that's what the others said」

「Yes. Though I remember that the monsters in this layer are strong... Let me handle this place, Eiji-sama」

「You? Don't tell me, alone?」



「Yes. I wanted to see the fighting figure of Eiji-sama in the first layer so I held back and left all the hard work to you. It's about time for me to work, isn't that right?」

Ally quietly approaches the ogre.

She will be alright? From what I see, she doesn't seem to be extremely strong.

「【Magic enhancement】」

Along with her voice, Ally's body is wrapped for an instant in light.

That skill is really similar to the enchanter skill, perhaps it's a type of skill that improves your magical power.

That she has raised her voice, it must be to let know to her comrades what type of skill is she using, if it's a strengthening type or a weakening. Thought you said that you were going to handle it, please stick to the basics.

Ally who used the skill approached even more towards the ogre.

The ogre howls recognizing Ally as its prey, then it raised the bone club.

「Spirit Gnome-sama, please come」

The club is swung downwards.

However, it was stopped by the appearance of a wall of earth.

Ally slowly rotates her finger making a circle, then the wall started to move by itself, and not only stopped the club, also It started to return it.

The ogre began to retreats gradually while its arm starts to shake.

While Ally directs a calm glance, she muttered.

「Well then, please pierce it」

Half of the wall of earth changes of shape, and began to condense, until it becomes a stake of rock.

Then, it was easily pushed from the wall penetrating the the staggering ogre's chest.

Hyuuu... With a groan the ogre started to collapse onto the stone pillar while from the hole on its chest blood together with the sound of the wind began to sprout out.

When Ally turns around, a smile is slowly formed in her face.

「It has been settled, Eiji-sama. Well, let's advance further」

As I was overwhelmed, I nodded silently.

Thought I was already aware that she was strong, it seems that Ally is more skilled than what I thought.

Without moving even an eyebrow, she ended defeating easily the ogre.

「What you just did, is Ally's special technique?」

「Yes, I fight borrowing the power of the spirits. Just now, I called the spirit that rules the earth, Gnome. Thank you very much for earlier, Gnome-sama」

Ally directs her face to her side looking at the sky and when she spoke, in an instant, the fairy that looked like a mole, appeared dimly and then disappeared. So that one is Gnome?

「It's something like the magic of a mage?」

「Basically they resemble. But what's different is that the spirits rule the power of the nature, so a spirit user likes me mainly uses a magic that manipulates the nature, while a mage mainly uses the magic power as it is. I often use Gnome, the spirit that resides in the ground and Sylph, the spirit of the wind」

【Spirit user 3→5】

【Skill Spirit Magic has been obtained】

【Enchanter 3→6】

【Skill Magic enhancement and Attack enhancement has been

obtained】

Just at that time, I was informed of my level up.

Because Ally defeated a powerful enemy in the second layer that I leveled up in one go. Moreover, I have defeated four monsters, you know? It was worth coming here. If I rejected her, Ally also could have stopped the exploration.

By the way, why I leveled up in such simple way was because I climbed one more layer.

The energy that I obtain when I defeat monsters, in other words, something like experience, it goes towards the person who defeated it, but it seems that to some degree the little that is scattered is divided between the fellow travelers.

Therefore, the energy that Ally obtained from the monsters I defeated in the first layer, it also came to me thanks to the power of the parasite skill, A mysterious cycle.

「It's useful, the power of the spirits. I will count on you」

「Please don't hold back and rely on me to your heart contents」

Ally and I saying jokingly, then we began the exploration in the second layer.

## Chapter 22: Parasite Vision

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After defeating the monsters in one strike, Ally and I continued exploring the second layer.

Excited by the extremely rare view, we continue advancing while looking up the stone pillars, but suddenly the atmosphere changed.

It was as if the viscosity of the air changed, that type of sensation attacked me.

Perplexed by that mysterious feeling, thinking that if Ally had realized, I turn my head and I asked her.

Then, Ally does the same and gives a small nod.

「So, Ally also had felt it」

「Yes. Perhaps, it's because of that」

The direction in which Ally pointed, there was a large hole open in the ground.

「There is a monster by far stronger ahead in that place than others places. A place filled with magic element, a frightening and dangerous」

「You make it sound too scary. Can you teach me as reference to what extent is dangerous」

When I try to approach, the heavy feeling strengthens. Thinking what could be the true colors of this hole, I peep inside, then Ally speak in low voice.

「Are you aware of the story that the best skilled adventurer is a C-rank adventurer?」

「Yes, I think I've heard」

「Before the B-rank adventurers were the top. But now the C-rank is the top. If it's Eiji-sama, you should have already understood what I'm saying」

「It can be that here, a B-rank adventurer was defeated...」

「That's right」

Wait, wait a second.

If you say that a B-rank died, then that isn't normally bad?

I'm sure that there is a story where I have defeated a Cocytus Wolf in the middle of my C-rank subjugation request. In one side, this is a world where B-rank adventurers die often, and that means that the average of adventurers are at least A-rank, that isn't two ranks above me?

I'm aware that I have power that surpasses a C-rank adventurer, but even so I don't have any proof that I would be able to reach A-rank. On the contrary, even if they say that a B-rank was defeated, nobody said that an A-rank adventurer would be able to defeat the monsters of this place, because there is the possibility that something even more dangerous would appear.

「Ally, I was thinking that this place is indeed really dangerous」

「I agree. Of course, we aren't going there」

That was unexpected.

Because you said that you were aiming to the depths that I thought that you wanted to explore it.

But when I hear in details, it seems that here is a dead end, a place where leads to nowhere. So if you are caught in a trap inside of the dungeon, you would end transported inside of this dangerous corridor.

Even though there exists a frightening trap, now I understood to some degree about the different dangerous places, so even if there is some unknown trap I have the detection skill with me.

I have even Ally who is able to hear the voice of the spirits, and if it's me now, I can perceive the spirits, and don't forget that I also have the thief class.

Because what I'm feeling right now it's an unpleasant sensation making the air heavy, is that I know that there is a trap here, so as long as I'm not distracted I can continue with my exploration without any problem.

「It was a little unexpected. I thought that if it was Ally, you would say something like wanting to test your strength, so I was nervous」

「Thought I have curiosity to the unknown, I'm not so reckless. Thought I turned back after reaching the third layer, it seem that in this place are wandering monsters even stronger than in the third layer. If the last time that was my limit, then I wouldn't go towards a even more dangerous place. I'm the type that climbs the stairs one step at time」

「That type of personality it fits you better. ...From what I can see, it seems that there isn't anything」

I tried to peep the inside from the entrance of the hole.

Of course, I don't want to cross over a dangerous bridge, but if you tell me that is a dangerous bridge to the point you can die, then you would want to see it even if it is just a glance.

Even if I peep inside, I didn't felt any presence or saw the figure of a monster.

In that is the case, it would be okay to enter if it's only a little~.

「If it's only a little I think it would be okay to enter. In short, it would be okay as long as we do not meet a monster」

Ally seemed to get excited, so driven by our curiosity we enter into the hole. While observing our surroundings to the maximum, always taking into account the entrance, we are ready to run the moment of seeing something.

What made us want to come to this place was because this is a peculiar place.

It was obviously constructed in a different way to the surroundings, a hollow corridor as if it were the inside of a hollow tree. The floor, walls and ceiling that were constructed with an arch shape, was dyed with a red blood color as if it were flesh blood.

The air is also heavy, and from the depths of the corridor an indescribable and ominous feeling was being drifted in the air.

This has more thrill than a haunted house—What, is that!

What I saw inside of the corridor that it curves gradually, was a lion with a human face attached is a scorpion tail.

That appearance, I remember seeing it before—That's right, it has the same appearance that the monsters called manticore.

With a grin on its face, the manticore showed us the inside of its red mouth that was like blood and then it started to laugh. Making a expression as if we were feeling the danger instinctively. we looked at each other.

「Eiji-sama, let's go back!」

「Agreed!」

At the same time that we started to run so it did the manticore.

Scary! Super scary! That approaching smile is extremely weird!

Even though we were running with all our strength, as can be seen, the manticore is fast.

But, it's fortunate that the manticore isn't chasing us in this straight and deep corridor, we are sav—!?

「Ally, jump to the side!」

While shouting, as if I were carrying Ally's body, I pushed her while I jumped to the side.

The next moment, the manticore invoked its magic, a lump of three magics fly past.

One pulverized the ground, one smashed the ceiling, and one collided against the walls, breaking the red stones and making it rain incessantly.

After the ground had been pulverized, as if a meteorite had fallen, it left a considerable deep and hollow hole.

We continued dashing with all our strength, and before the manticore reached us, we were able to leave the scarlet corridor.

Side by side we placed our hands on our own knees, we breathed deeply and then we adjust our breath.

「Fuu. Thank you, Eiji-sama. We were a step away from death」

「Yes, that wasn't only a little, it was dangerous. It's magic power was no joke」

「Moreover... A triple casting, a triple casting! A high-ranking mage can learn a double casting, but that never seen monster is able to surpass easily the majority of the human's experts. As expected, the dungeon is wide!」

That was what you call firing three types of different magics at the same time? It's a envious skill!

As expected, I'm attracted for such consecutive magic skill. It seems that even Ally's tension has gone up, she seems to be an extremely cautious person.

But even if I'm attracted to such an skill, it's not like I want to see it once more. We were able to escape because there was a curve, so I don't want to imagine meeting it once more and be shot consecutively.

Let sleeping dogs lie. We move away from that place and then we went to explore other places in the second layer.

「That reminds me, there was something that caught my attention, those monsters that are in that scarlet corridor are not able to escape? Because it's not like they are locked」



While passing through the gaps of the stone pillars, I asked Ally.

「The monsters that have considerable strength like places with a strong magic element, and that being the case, the magic element is the source of the power and life of the monsters, and at the same time, the source of the mysterious nature of this dungeon. Therefore, being their home a place filled with a magic element, powerful monsters rarely come out」

「I understand, that's what decides the monster's living region. If so, then it's unlikely for a powerful monster to suddenly come out and cause living hell on earth」

It seems that even the source of the strange power of skills and magic tools is the magic element.

Not only magic, skill that uses stamina also consumes magic element as an source. It's a considerably useful element, but that means that inside of that scarlet corridor lies a strong magic element.

「Oops, this time its normal monsters of the second layer」

While talking we continued advancing and defeating the monsters in our way.

After that, we continued advancing in the second layer, and what awaited us was a nest of big spiders and slugs, there was even a crawling monster of mud. We happened to met a strengthened version of the imp, a great imp and some others monsters.

Those monsters were easily defeated as Ally declared that she would do it.

Even though she used a different spirit than gnome, like sylph, what was cool was the skill that was like a shock wave that she used to smash to atoms the hard monster made of mud.

Even I tried to fight against the monsters in the second layer to test how formidable they were, but I was able to win easily especially against the big spiders.

It seems that I have yet strength to spare.

So even though I was aware that we were in an amazing place, we didn't have any close fights so we continued advancing in the second layer.

【Parasite 24→25】

【Skill Parasite・Vision has been obtained】

Oh.

After defeating the big spider I realized that I leveled up many times since I came to this dungeon.

And the skill that I have obtained is——Parasite・Vision?

Because I don't want to let her know anything related with my parasite class is that I didn't use the appraisal lens in front of her, so after trying to guess the effect based on its name, I tried using it.

Then, the figure of those who I had parasitized came to my mind, like when I want to confirm who are parasitized, and from those I chose the closest to me, Ally, who was in my right.

——Ooh.

Simultaneously, a different scenario, different from what I'm seeing now, came inside of my mind.

A view filled with stone pillars one next to the other. The position from where I'm seeing the scenery is a bit to the right a difference from the one I'm seeing with my view, it's like a tv or a movie is projected inside of my eyes.

After all is as I guessed?

I am able to see what the other people parasitized is seeing with the skill that I have obtained.

If I use this, even if is a distant place, I would be able to see it.

I continued seeing the one that I selected, it's a really interesting

skill.

While we continue advancing through the cave, I tried using in a casual manner the Parasite•Vision skill.

I began to see in turns the remaining three people which I had parasitized aiming for their classes.

The young hunter, it's in this precise moment staring fixedly at a deer in the forest.

The shaman man, it's in a room somewhere turning the pages of a thick book.

For the end, Veil who has the mercenary class.

In her field of vision, a hollow corridor like the inside of a hollow tree is being projected. The floors, even the walls and the ceiling had a arch shape, and was dyed with a red blood color as if it were flesh blood.

# Chapter 23: The Nonexistent Fourth Requirement

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—What?

Surprised, I cut the connection, but then I used the skill once again and obtained Veil's view.

Without any change, from the moment the scarlet corridor was projected, the view continued going downwards.

It has to be a joke.

In disbelief I watched countless times, but no matter how many times I saw it, there was no mistake.

It's impossible to mistake it, this scarlet corridor is the place where that B-rank adventurer lost his life.

But, why is that Veil is in this place?

—It can't be.

(E/N: flashback) \_\_\_\_\_

「Yes, yes, there is no mistake. It can be that unlike us, they have a different way of training. I don't have any proof, but I'm sure everything will be fine. Moreover there was one person who went alone into the second layer」

「Towards such a dangerous place alone?」

The female adventurer nods.

「Ahaha... Far from being able to go alone, it seems that those who were defeated are the novices. When I asked, the person entered inside as a way of training to get used to her strength, isn't that amazing?」

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More than ever I'm reminded of the conversation with those

adventurers that we healed.

Then that means that the adventurer she said that went alone was Veil.

She was caught in the middle of her training and fell into a trap.

What’s the best thing I could do?

The monsters in that corridor don’t have normal strength, and Veil said that she could have been in danger fighting against the Cocytus Wolf, so without doubt she would end up dead.

Should I go to help?

To a place I decided to not enter because it was dangerous?

To a place where I don’t have any chance of victory?

Impossible, impossible, it would be dangerous if I fail. Besides, maybe Veil could escape even if I don’t go there, it would be better to wait and see how the situation is? Yes, let’s do that.

I persuaded myself, and I used the Parasite·Vision once again.

As per usual, the situation didn’t change for the better.

Practically, because of an injury Veil wasn’t able to move so much. Always watching the front and the back without rest, or it may simply be that she is scared, making her field of vision to move ceaselessly.

Or it could be that because there are monsters nearby that she isn’t able to move.

It’s impossible for her to escape for herself. That should be evident.

It’s only that I’m looking for a reason to not go.

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「Eiji-sama, this is a transfer crystal. It's possible to transfer yourself near the entrance if you engrave your magic element in it—Eiji-sama, what happened?」

Noticing my weird look, Ally inclines her head.

I breathe deeply and then I opened my mouth.

「Ally, you would be okay even in the second layer, right?」

「I have gone alone as far as the third layer, and like you have observed there was no problem」

「As expected of you. Then you will be fine」

Though I confirm it just to be sure, Ally answered naturally.

Good, then everything will be fine even if I go.

「There's a place I have to go no matter what, then I will be going for a moment」

「A place that you have to go no matter what? Eiji-sama, need to go somewhere important?」

While I shake my head, I invoke a skill from the many I have that increases my agility.

「No, it's inside the cave. But it's a dangerous place, that's why I can't involve you for my own convenience, Ally. But above all—It's not good if I don't hurry. I'm sorry for doing something selfish, I will make sure to compensate you, maybe」

While using Parasite・Vision I started running.

I confirmed the state of Veil with Parasite・Vision while running.

For now she isn't moving.

I've got to get there before something appears, so please no monster appear.

—That I'm here right now is thanks to Veil.

That I have been able to take requests,, was because Veil gave me

the first push to my back request, that I was able to take the first step forward.

If it is not for her, I would not be doing anything, just watching.

This rescue could end in failure.

I can't predict whether I would be able to win against those monsters or not, After having failed many times and remembering the suffering, I finished always evading battles that I knew I couldn't see the outcome.

However, I remembered my little victories in this world.

That's why, it's almost the perfect time to challenge it once again.

I'm sure.

「At best I will use the power I had picked up recklessly!」

The heavy sensation of air that I felt from that corridor, was being expelled from a place that is like a small room, from the extensive shadows of the stone pillars that were there.

I put strength to my feet, and then I jumped into the small room.

「U, Oo!」

At that instant, the ground starts to shine and the view rotates.

The next moment I was in the scarlet corridor.

「Is this the trap that teleported you?」

I looked the place in a hurry, comparing the color of the place that Veil is seeing with my Parasite・Vision.

Even though it was almost the same place, the place where Veil is, is slightly brighter.

This corridor becomes more dark brown the more you go inside so as long as I run towards the brighter place I would be able to approach to Veil. Anyways, let's start.

I'm running in the corridor.

While looking the view of Veil.

As Veil was staggering, she stood, and started to slowly move.

While looking at my surroundings, I tried quietly to not make noise.

But at that moment, my feet stopped.

Because a monster entered in my view.

It was a lion with a human face, the manticore.

Seeing the manticore laughing as it found prey, the Veil's vision starts to shake. The feet who were trying to run away were entangled, and then she fell to the ground.

The manticore who was about to start running seeing that stopped, and slowly, slowly, it began to walk.

It was as if the manticore was enjoying her fear.

The more it approaches, the more it opened that red mouth, making a deep smile.

It was at that moment that from the ceiling of the corridor a light flicked.

The moment that the manticore twist its body, it receives an incessant rain of magic arrows.

Surprised, the Veil's vision starts to move violently, and then it stopped.

「E-Eiji? Eiji! Why are you here!?!」

「I'm here because in some way I found out you were here」

I kept moving forward to the manticore, while answering to Veil.

Veil open her eyes wide with surprise, and even though she didn't say anything, she started shouting.

「You can't! The monsters here are in a different league! I'm



aware you are strong but even so, you aren't match for them. I'm fine so you can escape even if it is only you. Because it's obvious that I will be the one they are going to aim as I'm injured, so you can still escape!」

Veil stretched forward and complained.

However, I still kept approaching the manticore.

「Before you wanted to know what was my profession. At that time I answered saying neet. Do you remember?」

「Eh? Yes, I remember but, but, now isn't the time for this—」

「Though I never told you at that time, in my birthplace, the word neet is used to describe a person who meets three requirements. One, Is currently not going to school. Two, does not work. Three, doesn't go to a vocational school . Among them—」

The sword is pulled out and then, the manticore is confronted.

「A person who doesn't help; doesn't exist among them」

# Chapter 24: Labyrinth First Exploration Completed

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Even [Sannen Netarou](#), does it occasionally.

It could be said that part of my power is also part of Veil's power, and though this idea never came to me, It's time enough that I face the risks and to help the people who helped me all this time.

That's why, I will do it.

As the victory always goes towards the one who makes the first move, I wave the black silver sword and thrust it against the manticore.

However, the manticore caught the sword with its scorpion tail that is even longer than its body.

This thing is hard.

It has to be considerably hard that it can't be cut even by sword.

The tail moves even more freely, and not only it defends but also uses the pointed end trying to pierce me. I jumped behind and evade it.

It would end badly If it has poison in it, so maybe it would be the best to fight in the distance, but if I do that it would be difficult to give the final blow. Which would be good?

「So, it charged!」

The moment I took distance, from the surroundings of the manticore's body, three types of light joined and a mass of magic power was shot. Even though I was able to barely evade it because I had seen it once, the broken fragments of the dungeon were vigorously coming to collide against me.

This is dangerous, isn't it?

It's nothing serious even if the fragments hits me, but if the

manticore's body hits me I will not end up with only a small wound.

I instinctively step back, and at the same time, the turn for the manticore to attack began.

One after another, powerful light balls comes flying. Even though I'm barely evading them but it's like I thought, being under rapid fire is painful.

It's fast, there are many and they are strong, to keep evading every one of them is—

「Guu!」

After being hit by one of those magic balls, my balance collapses thanks to their power.

My hand becomes numb, and it seems like my shoulder would come off with such strength.

This is not good, if this continues like this, eventually I would take a direct hit and I will be finished.

All will be lost unless I go on the offensive—Fortunately, I saw an opening.

At the same time that I recover my posture, the manticore starts gathering magic in the surroundings.

But this time I will not evade. Using **【Boost】【Magic Weapon】**, I thrust forward.

The mass of magic is fired.

I went towards the one that is in front of me, and with all my strength I swung my sword downwards.

The lump of magic was cut and vanished like mist.

—As I predicted.

At that time when my sword repelled it, I understood that if I charge my sword with magic, I can damage the light ball. I thought

that if I strengthen even further the sword with magic using the skill 【magic weapon】, I would be able to erase it, and it seems that I was right.

To me who was at its side, the manticore immediately used its tail to intercept me.

But using【Consecutive Swords】, the second sword quickly repelled the attack of the tail.

At the same time, I decreased the offensive ability of the manticore using the 【Origami Sword Spell】, and so, when the tail's power decreased, an opening was created.

Changing the sword of hand, I took out the knife for work and I brandished fiercely.

The manticore's smirk disappeared, and in haste it raised its claws.

「It... hurts...!」

My armpit is dyed in red.

It hurts! It really hurts!

This is how much an injury hurts!?

However—The manticore is hurt more.

The knife that was thrown into the manticore's face pierced the eye.

The manticore's expression was frozen in surprise, it wasn't even able to raise a groan.

I gave the final blow, piercing its neck with my black silver sword, then the manticore's body collapsed as if it had lost all its strength.

「It ended」

I'm tired—...But, it's not over yet.

After taking out a recovery medicine from the space bag and

using it, I went to where Veil is.

My pain more or less remains, but it doesn't prevent me from moving normally.

「It, has, to, be, a, joke. A monster in this corridor?」

Veil mutters in surprise, and while staggering she stands up.

「Even though I didn't know how it would finish, somehow I was able to do it, and Veil is also safe」

Unintentionally, I let out a smile showing my relief.

I really feel relieved.

「Eiji...」

Veil quietly watched me for a while but, as if her strength had left her body, she clinged to my shoulders.

「Eijii... Eijiii」

She kept calling my name many times.(E/N: is this the ship?)  
「Good, let's go. Before we are found by others monsters」

「Are you alright? After fighting with that thing」

「I'm still good. Since the stamina recovery medicine was effective I already I'm able to use skills, and you also used a considerable number of them」

I'm carrying Veil on my back.

Because she wasn't able to calm down, the medicine had no effect and so it didn't cure her injuries, that's why I decided that it would be faster to go out if I carry her.

「Then, I will dash with all my strength to the outside!」

I'm running to escape from this place as soon as possible, It seems that the entrance was quite close, and perhaps it was because my prayers that we didn't had any accidents on our way towards the entrance.

Good, now we are safe.

「Eiji-sama! As I expected, you were here. Luckily, nothing happened to you」

The one who appeared in front of mine feeling relieved and was waiting in front of the entrance, was Ally. Ally also runs towards me with a relieved expression.

「The one on your back... I understand, so it was that」

Ally's expression changes to one of guessing.

Veil looks down feeling a little embarrassed.

「Though there are many things that I want to ask you, now it's the time to go outside of this dungeon. Let's go, and please let me handle what comes」

Ally becomes really reliable, handling the monsters as we reach where the transfer crystal is.

I remembered I heard about this by chance, that by inserting your magic, you are able to teleport yourself towards the crystal that's near the entrance. A useful tool, this thing.

Using that, I went towards the entrance in one go, leaving Paienne Labyrinth behind.

After that, while explaining what happened to Ally and Veil, we went toward the medical treatment place, and in front of the entrance I dropped Veil.

「Are you okay?」

「Yes. Thank you, Ally. Now I only have to obediently hear what the doctor says」

「Take care of yourself, Veil」

「Eiji... Thank you」

Veil bows deeply.

As this has never happened before, I was troubled in thinking

what to do, but then she slowly raised her head.

「I'm serious, thank you. I was really, happy, when you came to rescue me. ...I, I will do whatever you want. Today's rewards, whatever Eiji wants, I will do it. That's why, you can say whatever you want to me」

「A-Anything? Are you serious?」

Without any hesitation, Veil nodded.

Uwaa—, what can I do, she said that anything I want.

She said anything, so anything I want it would be ok...?

No. no, don't be deceived. The words she said is obvious that are within the bounds of common sense, you know? Think about something common, me!

「Ah— Cough. Is, is it so? But well, I can't think anything now, so maybe next time」

「I understood. I'm looking forward」

「It's something you have to look forward?」(E/N: so dense MC)  
Veil laughs, and then after waving her hand, she entered inside the medical treatment place.

Ahaha... What I will do?

Now my unresolved problems have increased by one.

After that, Ally and I also returned to each other's places.

I stopped in crossroad. and I said.

「I'm sorry for suddenly taking action on my own accord, I left you in the middle of our exploration」

「No, I think that it was praiseworthy. I couldn't do such thing, no matter how much a person has fallen in danger, I couldn't do something like jumping into that corridor」

「Even I was surprised. If you tell me to do it once more I think it would be impossible」

「I believe that Eiji-sama would jump straight to danger innumerable times」

I think you are overestimating me.

「Besides, today's objective for the labyrinth was originally to reach that transfer crystal point, so you didn't leave me halfway, it was an excellent result. In that case, the next time we will be able to advance smoothly. That's why, please carefully rest for a while. I think you are tired. I will stay in this Laurel town for a while, so there is no reason to be in a hurry」

「You are right, I'm completely exhausted. Mentally too. Then, allow me to take a carefully rest」

「Of course. In the meanwhile I think to training myself」

Eh?

Looking at her, Ally was staring me vigorously.

「The strength of Eiji-sama, surpassed my expectations. If I continue like this, I would be able to do nothing more than taking advantage of you. That's a disqualification as fellow adventurer that are exploring together. To be helpful even if it's only a little, I will train in my days off」

She's serious. If she say that, then the current me is also taking advantage of Ally, so we are even. So it's alright even if you don't worry about that.

But, it seems that as long as I keep looking at her face, her resolve is hard.

Even I am full from somewhat able to do something in that scarlet corridor, so for now, the first part of the Paienne Labyrinth is done.

However, there is a certain trap saying that the first part is completed and that it's that usually the second part doesn't start.

「Training you say? It's ok even if you don't worry about that, but



if you are saying that, I will be cheering you. Then, see you! Good night, Ally」

「Yes. Goodnight, Eiji-sama」

Then, Ally and I separated, I returned to my usual inn.

Cramming all the food at high speed, without waiting another moment, I went towards my room and then I dove straight into my bed.

「Ah~~ I'm tired~~」

Unintentionally I let out my voice.

Seriously, this is the first time that I'm so tired since I came to this place.

Rolling all over the bed, was unbearably pleasant.

With that, my feelings calmed down.

It's warm, soft, and it heals me.

As I thought, this is the best place for me.

Lately I was very active, especially today, I went too far.

I'm not cut to face others humans. Rather than spending hard times outside, I now understood clearly that my nature is suited to be in a bed inside of a room while gathering experience and money.

I understood it because I went outside, being a hikikomori is priceless.

Starting from tomorrow, I will be lazy as if my life depended on it.

After deciding to fall into the laziness, I slowly closed my eyes.

Ah, that's right, I need to check my stats that went up in the cave.

I went to check my skills, because even more skills have been gained, besides looking at my new abilities, classes and skills while

being inside of my room it's a time that I enjoy, so let's fully enjoy it.

Aah, how I would like to go back to sleep after waking up, beside, today I was outside since morning, I want to sleep until noon.

Imagining about the things I would like to do while slowly closing my eyes, I fell asleep.

# Chapter 25: New Skills

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The next morning after having completed the great cave operation, after waking up, while continuing being excited, I opened my status.

【Name】Eiji=Choukai

【Class】Parasite 27 Mercenary 15 Mage 6 Swordsman 7 Shinto Priest 14 Hunter 14 Shaman 12 Fighter 3 Miner 8 Thief 10 Spirit User 10 Enchanter 11

【Stamina】 177

【Strength】 155

【Defense】 149

【Magic】 170

【Magic power】 168

【Magic resistance】 164

【Agility】 161

【Skill】 Permanent summon Servant summon Communication to God

Chewing stones Breath of Life Element attack Spirit magic Spirit Perception

Magic enhancement Attack enhancement Magic Amplification Healing Hand

Pain division Mastery of long-range weapons Enhancement boost Parasite•Vision Parasite x4 Parasite•Class Parasite•Info Parasite•Gold Mastery of short-range weapons Strong Attack Magic tools mastery Magic arrow Sword mastery Consecutive Swords Dispel Bow mastery

As expected, after defeating a powerful enemy, I grew up so much in one day.

My skills increased considerably, in part it is also thanks to the compound skill.

For example, the breath of life, a combined skill from the shinto priest and enchanter class lets me grab energy from nature to improve my natural healing power.

Chewing stones, it seems that it's a skill that lets me nourish myself with stones or soil. A combined skill that seems to have come from the miner and spirit user class... but how can I use it?

Would I be able to survive from starving to death by eating any type of stone or soil?

The compound skill goes into effect when my number of classes increases, and those are combined with already existing ones, so the number of skills increasing is nothing bad for me. Even though there are some useless skills, the amount that I can use is numerous.

「Well, well, well, after all, the only skill that calls out to me is... the summon skill」

A combined skill from the spirit user and the hunter class, servant summon.

Then the skill which seems to be even superior to it, the permanent summon.

This permanent summon skill—is the combination of the spirit user, hunter, shaman and shinto priest classes.

If I remember correctly, though there are people that have two classes in this world, those kinds of people are rare, and if you have three, then you would be considered a genius.

Now a skill of four combined classes, it could be something that nobody has ever seen, an extremely super rare skill?

No, it's absolutely got to be rare, I don't have any doubts about it.

After examining the details of the skill, it seems that it lets you

summon a summoned beast permanently.

The summoned beast is not summoned for a limited amount of time, but in the same way that others summon beasts, you can call them whenever you want, the difference is that you can summon them in the same state that they were before.

In short, it is a summoned beast that can earn experience.

It's a considerably interesting peculiarity.

I have to use it no matter what.

「Good, come out. Permanent summon!」

Now, come out. While praying in my mind for something to come out, I immediately started to invoke the skill, then, a geometrical figure was drawn on the floor with bright lines.

A short time later, light overflows from the pattern and then it became a pillar, several seconds later the pillar and the pattern disappears—and what was left behind was a beast.

It was like as if an ostrich egg had grown feet, a mysterious existence.

# Chapter 26: That Eat Something And Evolves

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「Hmm, hello?」

After making its appearance with the permanent summon, I tried greeting the weird summoned beast egg that looked like a penguin with those grown legs.

Then, with tottering steps, it came walking to me.

It appears that even if it can't talk, it can understand what I'm saying.

When I try walking a few steps, it follows me with its short legs.

Though now that I know that it's a brave guy, what can I do?

When I crouch down and watch it carefully, I noticed that the egg had something like a crack for a mouth.

If it has a mouth, then I have to try feeding it with something.

With a very shallow thought thinking that it would be enough to give food to it in order to tame it, I pull out dried meat from my space bag, and with some remaining vegetables from before, I left the food in front of the egg.

I even brought a bucket filled with water from outside, so all the preparations should be completed. I couldn't even begin to imagine how it would drink with such a body, but just in case.

Carnivorous or herbivorous... Ah, it ate both. Omnivorous it is.

The summoned beast has a small body but unusually it devoured everything greedily in a blink of an eye.

What a great way to eat... Ah?

It happened just when it finished eating its food.

A light began to be released from the egg's body.

Even when I was thinking what could be happening, the light rapidly becomes even more dazzling to the point that you can't look ahead. I closed my eyes and endured the light.

Soon, the light appeared to calm down so I opened slowly the eyes, but there was no longer an egg in front of mine.

「...There's a pig」

In exchange, there was a pig in the place where the egg was.

No matter how you look, it's a mini size pig, and if I have to say the only thing that is different, it would be what's in front of the curly tail that looked like a violet flower blooming.

If I have to say something, then yes, it has changed enough, but it's still a pig.

「What is happening? It can be that the egg has become this?」

When I muttered half of my monologue, as if the pig wanted to affirm it, the flower, no, the pig snorted.

Could be that this is the so called, one of its evolutions and I did something to cause it?

At first it looks weak, but if you raise it, its appearance would change with the evolution. This summoned beast has such peculiarity.

That seems to be really interesting. —But, why a pig?

When I try thinking about the reason, a certain feeling come to me, that it could be the dried meat I gave to the pig.

Then, it ate vegetables with it, in other words plants, something that blooms with flowers.

Evolving according to things it eats?

Then, I don't have any other choice but to think about its nutritional balance?

「It seems that it's complicated to think deeply about it, so first

let's tame this summoned beast. Hand」

When I stretch out my hand, the pig stretches its forefoot.

「Tail」

After saying that, the tail was shaken.

「It seems that we surely can reach to a mutual understanding. Then, next would be the summon release」

When I release the skill, the summoned beast disappears leaving a faint afterglow.

And again, I tried using 【Permanent Summon】.

Together with a light, the summoned beast, the pig with a blooming flower on its tail appeared and not a egg.

Yes, it appears with the same appearance with which it disappeared. Because it has evolved, it will no longer appear with egg appearance of the beginning.

If so, let's try feeding it with something. If it will evolve by eating, then I want to let it eat something, if it still has room in its stomach.

Good, let's have the old man from the inn prepare various things in the kitchen for this guy to eat.

「Excuse me...」

At that moment, the door was slowly opened.

The one who entered timidly into the room was the girl from the inn, Marie.

「Ah, Marie-chan. What's the matter?」

「It's nothing, it's not like I have any, business...This child, it's an unusual animal, isn't it?」

It seems that I didn't close the door correctly when I went to look for a bucket of water. Pointing that out, she seemed to have interest in this summoned beast that she discovered.



It seems that this inn allows animals, because there are adventurers who uses hawks and hunting dogs. Therefore I don't have to worry about being reproached, so there's no reason to be in panic either.

「Yes, it's quite a rare animal」

Marie nods, and then after she approaches the bloomed flower of the summoned beast, she extends her hand.

「It's okay to touch it?」

「Of course. But, if you are not careful you will be bitten... It's a joke, a joke. It's okay. I'm sorry for scaring you, Marie-chan. This is an easy going animal so it's okay」

Marie got angry for a moment, but suddenly with a humble smile she started to pat the summoned beast's back.

The summoned beast it also seemed pleased as it wags its tail.

「So you were keeping this child, Eiji-san」

「More than keeping it, how I can say, well yes, something like that」

「It's a small and cute pig. If it only fatten a little more, then it would be delicious」

The moment Marie said that, the summoned beast's tail become upright and went to hide itself behind me, snorting as if it were frightened.

「Ah, I'm sorry. I will not eat it, another persons pig. You don't have to worry」

Then you would eat if it was your pig!?

But well, I understand, perhaps it's because of where we are, If you think about a pig as a livestock, then that should be normal. There was a time when I also didn't know that mini size pigs could be kept as pets, so I only thought about pigs as pork for cooking.

I calmed down the summoned beast and then I put it in front of Marie.

At that moment it occurred to me. That it's inconvenient to continue calling it summoned beast, and that it's necessary to think of a name.

If that's the case, now is the time.

「Hey, Marie-chan. This guy, I haven't given it a name yet, do you have any good suggestions?」

「A name, you say?」

「Yes, that's right. If you have a good suggestion then I would like to hear」

Marie keeps staring at the summoned beast with seriousness in her eyes.

Though she groaned for a while, but eventually she hesitantly opened her mouth.

「Well, what do you think about Hana(Flower/Nose)?」

「Hana」

「A flower bloomed on its tail and because the pig's nose is cute, so Hana. What, do you think?」

「I see. It's good, I think it's a good name. Thank you, Marie-chan」

「You are welcome」

Feeling embarrassed, Marie crouched down and stroked Hana's back.

After being patted, Hana forgot about how scared it was and relieved, it become attached to Marie. I'm envious of its simple personality.

「Let's start again, nice to meet you, Hana」

The summoned beast, the bloomed pig replied by snorting.

# Chapter 27: Meeting Again With The Goddess

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Marie left the room and went to continue helping with the inn, and after that, I let Hana eat a meal. This time it didn't change.

It seems that it's not like it would evolve every time it ate.

I suppose that it had evolved before because it was the first time that it ate something.

It will evolve after eating a lot or it could be when it meets the necessary requirements. I'm curious about that, but, let's go step by step.

After all, Hana fell asleep.

After eating, it completely took my bed, and then it started to 'Buu Buu' snort, The sprawled figure of the pig with both hands and legs extended over the bed—Kuu, it's cute.

Even though it has stolen my bed, I can't get angry.

「Well then, let's try out another skill that catches my attention」

I sit in the chair and then I confirm my status again.

What was there, was another new skill that caught my eyes.

And that is 【Communication with God】.

「God... A God, eh?」

If you say God in this world, it's her isn't it?

And that means, that the effect of this skill is that, isn't it?

「Anyhow, I will try it. What can happen?—【Communication with God】」

The moment the skill was activated, it was as if the surroundings were being distorted with blockiness gradually.

They were gathered together into one lump, and then—Ah, here.

The first place I arrived after coming to this world, a white space, was being projected as an image.

And of course, there she was, the goddess Rux of this other world... Eh?

There, what I found was the slovenly figure of Rux, zzzing while revealing her stomach.

「Uu~n... Munyamunya」

While continuing making zzz sounds, Rux scratches her stomach.

This goddess does not even have a little of dignity,

「Uhihihi... Kufufu...」

Moreover, she is making a weird laughter while sleeping.

What type of dream could be she dreaming, this goddess?

「Hey! Hey! Can you hear me from that place!? Rux!」

After calling her through the screen, she stopped her sleep-talking.

Rux stated to squirming, then, she raised half her body and with a blankly face staring at me.

「Fuaaa... You... The one from before... Eiji-kun」

She yawns greatly while rubbing her eyes.

It seems that she can see me and hear me from that side.

It is functioning properly.

Suddenly, Rux's eyes opened wide.

「Eiji-kun!? Why are you here!?!」

With a surprised face, she ran towards me.

As her pink hair waves, she ended up reaching the screen. She touched the image that is projected on her side everywhere.

「Oh? Oh! Oh—. This is, it's not like you are in this place. Ah, now

I understand. I have remembered. It has to be some skill, clearly!」

「You're right. As expected of a goddess. When I learned the skill【Communication with God】, it connected with you. But I didn't expect to get to speak with you again, so I'm surprised」

「I'm also surprised. It's been a long time since somebody used this skill 」

「You need to have the compound skill, so there are almost no people who can learn it」

So I was thinking that because she is explaining it to me, that she doesn't think that I have the compound skill. Because on that occasion I only had one class.

Fufu, you will be surprised when I tell you.

I was grinning, but Rux was nodding with a face as she had understood what happened.

Eh? Why are you doing that?

「Ah, it's perhaps that? It's amazing, the parasite class. I didn't even know the existence of such a class with such an effect. How many classes do you have right now? It seems that you have won the lottery now with all those classes and skills, Eiji-kun」

「Eh? You know that I became like this? Rux 」

「Of course. A god's skill only allowed for gods, 【God's Eyes】, if you have it, then it's extremely easy to understand the state of the world. If I think about seeing here, then I can see it extremely easy. And because the state of Eiji-kun interested me a little, occasionally I checked how you were, but it seems that I didn't need to worry at all. Even if it's this world you can live quite easily, so I'm relieved. Good, good」

Pachi pachi pachi——Rux is applauding with a smile.

I don't know if I should be happy to be blessed like this or be troubled by her reaction.

But, well, let's gratefully accept her compliment?

「Even so, that only happened because Rux pulled out that class. I'm grateful」

Besides, out of all the people no one knows the truth, so if there is at least someone who knows my circumstances, then somehow I feel relieved.

「Umu umu, you had better express fully your gratitude. But even so, it's not like I'm watching you twenty four hours a day, so there is a considerable amount of things that called my attention that I don't know. So—, Teach me, Eiji-kun」

Placing her hands in her waist while sitting with both legs outstretched, Rux leans forward with shining eyes.

And so, the question time of the goddess started.

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I explained to Rux about the many things that happened until now.

It was worth talking to Rux as she was asking full of interest.

She even said that it had been a long time since someone used this skill to communicate, so she might normally be bored.

「I see, I see, such interesting things happened. It would have been better if I'd seen how you were occasionally」

「Now, now, I wouldn't be able to calm down if you see me too much... Eh?」

If I think about that, it can be that...

「Hold on, there is something that worries me, how far can you see with God's eyes?」

「How far? That is, to anywhere. I can see even the inside of the inn」

「Inside of the inn you said? It could be that you can even see this room?」

「Of course, I was worried, you know?」

Wait, wait, even if you are worried I would like you to not go so far as to see inside bedroom.

It's good when I'm outside, but there is something called privacy.

But even so, I think she wouldn't go too far, surely.

「That means that you can even watch me in places like the bathroom, right?」

「Ahaha, that would be going too far」

Rux waves her hand while laughing.

She is right, she wouldn't do such a thing.

「I don't do it so often」

「So you do it sometimes!」

After a 'Tehee', Rux makes a fist and hit herself lightly while closing her eyes.

Annoying.

「It's just right to kill time」

「What is that good for? As a person, doing that is not good」

「But I'm a God」

「It's not good even if you are God」

Eh—, Rux was dissatisfied.

Sigh, this goddess. It has to be a mistake that everyone is worshipping her.

But—Bring it on!

If you are like that, then I will not show you mercy.

From looking at Rux's face, I slowly dropped my glance.

Originally Rux wore a white and thin cloth wrapped over and over again, a suggestive appearance, but now, after just waking up, with her clothes almost disarranged, she is in such state, exposing her skin.

I didn't have the intentions to look as I'm a gentleman, but if the other party has the intention to spy on me, then I don't need to contain myself.

It wouldn't be right to return the favor by looking at the body of this proud goddess?

I can see her stomach and armpits from the position where I am, and even though I will not say where, only a little more and I would be able to see a good place. But if I change my angle a little



then I would be able to see it.

Good, let's do it.

I move to the right.

No good, I can't see anything.

I move to the left.

No good, I can't see anything.

...Wait a moment.

If you think about it, you will not be able to see anything no matter how you look at it if its like a camera that's fixed! What idiotic thing I'm doing.

Rux who was looking at me suffering and looked puzzled.

「What happened, Eiji-kun?」

「It's nothing, it's nothing. Haa... Eh?」

At that moment, an unusual phenomenon happened.

Noise started to appear on the screen where the goddess was being projected.

And it seems that it was happening the same on the side of Rux, Rux tilted her head in confusion and asked「What happened, Eiji-kun?」.

Even if you ask me, I don't know either. What is happening, a uncomfortable feeling in my body...

As if it's heavy, like my strength is leaving me.

I remembered having this kind of feeling before, and after checking my status, I only had a little remaining of magic power.

Uwa, this skill, it has such an intense consumption rate?

If you think about, this is a skill that connects with God's world, so it would not necessarily be strange for the skill's consumption to be so absurd.

I pull my gaze from the status screen and then I raise my eyes.

「Rux, my magic power is almost consumed. And so it seems that the connection would be interrupted」

「Ah, so that's why. You should have trained your magic power better, Eiji-kun」

「Please don't be so unreasonable, because even so I think I have a considerable amount. But well, so it's like that, the connection will be cut soon」

「Roger, roger. See you, Eiji-kun. Let's talk again, with your communication with god. Absolutely we have to do it」

Rux extends her hand to the screen as if she was requesting a handshake.

I also without waving extended my hand, and of course there isn't any sensation. Our hands were facing each other, and then the communication was interrupted.

I was in the inn like before.

As if nothing had happened.

「I was connected to the God's world, just now」

Before I knew it, my skills reached an amazing level.

These are the fruits of parasitizing everyday to level up with all my strength, yes.

「Well, now—」

Hana is still sleeping.

What should I do? I'm free but now even my drowsiness flew.

After thinking, I suddenly recalled.

After the labyrinth exploration, I didn't deal with what I obtained, did I?

I found a considerable amount of treasures in the Paienne

Labyrinth.

Things like recovery medicine, a hat weaved with iron chains, a crystal with magic element among other things.

Something to appraise things, and even a mysterious box that I don't know how got here.

Even though I was able to open the box with the thief skill **【Finger】**, could it be that the thing inside was naturally generated by the magic element as well?

Surely, the manticore's tail, claws and even all the other materials from it would be more valuable than the average treasure. And it could be possible that if I ask some expert, they would be able to make me some amazing tools.

No, I'm sure they can. After having an unusually hard time, I have no other choice but to go through a few delicious moments.

## Chapter 29: Magic Tool Shop Vishubu

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Well, leaving tools that are useful for me, I have to do something about the raw material that I can't use for anything.

In moments like this the best option would be to exchange them for money but, the manticore materials are above average so it would be a waste to exchange them.

Which leaves me with no option but to look for a place where they understand the worth of the materials and make excellent tools. So I headed towards Iron Block where there are many kinds of these shops.

I went to places like weapon shops and magic tools shops but several of them even after showing the materials, far from being able to manufacture something, nobody recognized their worth.

『This is not rare at all, it's only the tail of a big scorpion. It's about two silver coins』so I wasn't able to entrust them with the raw materials which cost me much to get.

It became somewhat tedious failing to find one, so while thinking about returning to the inn if the next one would also be a failure, I headed towards the edge of the Block where a plain shop was.

「Excuse~me」

There was no answer even though I called after opening the door.

I think there are people, but it may be that they have not heard me?

「Excuse~me! I have something I want to ask~!」

After calling for a while, a man appeared from the interior of the shop.

The man was staring seriously in my direction in bad mood.

When the man sees the one who opened the door, without holding back, he clicked his tongue.

「They have forgotten to lock the door, eh? Who was the idiot. Damn」

There is no one beside you here...

Of course I didn't say that and then I confirm it.

「Today you closed the shop temporarily or something else happened? If it's like that I will come again later」

Burdened by my words, after the man saw my bag he shook his head while sighing.

「It does not matter now. I didn't want to be interrupted in the middle of my work so I planned to close the shop for an hour, but now I'm already distracted, I will take a break. What do you need?」

「I obtained some rare raw materials, so I was thinking about making use of them to make something However, I wasn't able to find a capable person」

「Oh, you can't find one?」

It seems that I caught his interest

He is the craftsman type, and if that it's the case, then it can work.

「Come to my workshop」

The craftsman of the magic tools shop called me with his finger to enter inside of the shop.

When entering the building, a small space near the entrance was the shop, and it had many different types of magic tools lying around. There is something like a wind necklace that increase the evasion, similar to what I bought before.

After following the craftsman, we reached the workshop.

There were many things lying around, tools, stoves and iron pots, but the space of the workshop was even more spacious than the entrance where they sell things.

Rather, this place feels like the real building.

「Now, what things do you say that you have brought? I will pray for them not to be something worthless」

「These are」

On the worktable in which he pointed out, I placed the raw materials that I extracted from the manticore.

And by doing that, the craftsman of the magic tool shop frowned.

「This is—Wait a second, this could be!」

The craftsman walked with long strides towards a certain bookshelf in the corner of the workshop, then he turned the page of a book.

After bringing the book to the worktable, he started comparing the material that I have brought with the book.

While watching him attentively from near the wall, I held back the urge to laugh.

What can I say, he started to panic.

His attitude was exaggerated so it was really funny.

In any case, it seems that I can have some expectation for him.

Suddenly, close to my ears I hear the wall being hit.

And the one who made the sound was the craftsman's hands.

「You, do you know what this is?」

Using his hand to make me unable to escape, he asks me face to face.

This is the rumored kabe-don!?

...No, even if other man does it to me I'm not happy at all, besides this is not something to do to another man.

Without being aware of my feelings, the wrinkles of the man becomes even more intense. The craftsman keep asking me even

further.

「Hey, so what is it? From what I see, these are not your average material」

The craftsman's red hair was waving in front of my eyes as he was urging for an answer quickly.

While thinking that he is an impatient person, I opened my mouth.

「Of course, I believe that I understand. But would I be able to hear your opinion before confirming if my knowledge match yours? Your opinion without any kind of prejudice. What do you think it is?」

「Did you think perhaps this would make my eyes lose their luster? You are underestimating me. This is from a manticore. That tail and that core. I was right with what you thought?」

Here it came, the correct answer.

By only knowing that, his level is completely different from all those who I went to see.

「Good, you thought the same as I」

「Sigh, this is not the time for wasting my time, these are unbelievably rare things. I was only able to see them in books. And that is because there is no person capable of defeating the manticore. So why are you holding such things?」

「Even if you say that to me—」

I don't want the rumor of having defeated it to spread.

But even so is not to the point where I want to hide it absolutely, so for the time being let's beat around the bush.

「I had some connections. Either way, I can guarantee that this is the real thing. Leaving that aside, this, can you handle it?」

The craftsman turned his head and stared towards the table with

the materials.

「I can not affirm or deny, because I have never dealt with such things. However—My blood is boiling!」

Kukukuku, leaking his laughter which he was trying to suppress, he pinned his hope on me.

If it's this man I have the feeling that he will be able to do it somehow.

But, in any case, I want him once for all to put down his hands.

「Will you not leave it to me? I will make something without fail. I don't need remuneration, I don't care about that. So please, let me do it」

「Without remuneration, are you sure?」

「Dealing with such materials can be considered itself to be the greatest reward. For a craftsman from a magic tool shop」

Ooh, I'm lucky—.

However, to be completely without remuneration, it makes me feel a little awkward.

For now it would better to pay the fee as it will make me feel better, but well, everything will be alright if I pay him afterwards.

At the very least, I had luck in finding a reliable person.

Even when I was thinking things like that, the craftsman continues looking at me urging for an answer.

「So, what do you think? Answer quickly」

「Please do not rush me. Yes, I request you」

At the same time I said that the craftsman made a uncontrollable guts pose.

That made you so happy? If you are pleased it's all fine.

「That's right, what's your name? Mine is Eiji. I'm temporarily



staying in this Laurel town」

「Eiji? I'm Felipe. My name is not a big deal but if you want to remember then remember it」

「I understood, I will remember it. I will leave it to you, Felipe」

「Leave it to me. Then, I have to close the shop for today, no wait, it's currently closed. I have lost my time to do business!」

Felipe laughs 'Hahaha' in high spirits, and at last after being released from the wall, I told him where the inn was.

I told him the places to look for me and tell me the moment when he thinks of something on how to use the materials.

We started thinking that it's necessary to first look for a way to deal with the materials, and after that it became a conversation about what to make when the time comes.

It was really good that the materials I had a hard time obtaining didn't become useless possessions.

However, while holding a slight bit of a doubt whether Felipe's business was doing well or not, I left behind the magic tool shop called『Vishubu』.

# Chapter 30: A Mushroom Is Something That Has A Mysterious Power

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After entrusting my precious materials to Felipe, I returned to the inn, and just in time Hana waking up.

Hana who just woke up came walking towards my feets, while snorting and wagging its tail, it started going around and round the room.

That's right, let's take Hana for a short walk.

Maybe Hana wanted to go out, and since it's still bright.

「Alright, come here Hana」

When I called Hana after the door was opened, Hana came running to me.

And when I start walking, Hana follows behind me closely.

And so, I took my summoned beast along outside.

「Oh, it's good that you are full of spirit」

Hana and I came to the forest on the side of the town.

Hana starts making it's way through the trees the moment we reach the forest, as if Hana woke up its wild nature.

At a glance it looks like a mini pig, but when I look at its ferocious dash, I'm pleased and convinced that inside of it runs the blood of a wild boar.

There aren't dangerous monsters in this forest, so it's possible to walk without having to worry.

To begin there's almost no dangerous monsters as long as you don't go deep inside.

We will be able to have a carefree walk to our heart's contents. I'm sure that Hana will be pleased eating an acorn.

And that moment, Hana came to me pulling the edge of my clothes.

「What happens, Hana? ...You want me to follow you?」

Showing the way, Hana starts to walk steadily.

After following, Hana started to dig the foot of a tree covered with leaves with its short legs And then after brushing away the fallen leaves with its nose, what appeared under the leaves was—

「Mushrooms」

Several flat white mushrooms were stealthily growing together.

This is what Hana was smelling?

Let me see.

When I crouch down and try to smell, surprisingly it gave a sweet smell The smell of the earth, surely it was that.

「You have found something good, Hana」

Hana shakes the tail pleased, and lively it started to munching the mushrooms.

Shit, when I was thinking about taking them home to eat, before I was able to stop Hana, it ended eating almost half of them.

I have failed, but Hana was the one who found them, so it can't be helped.

【Hana・Mage<sub>1→3</sub>】

It was at that moment that a display was displayed.

Suddenly, such display appeared.

「It can't be, that I can—see this?」

I prayed in my mind that I wanted to see Hana's status like I always do with mine.

And then—.

【Name】Hana

【Race】Pig flower

【Class】Mage 3

【Stamina】 66

【Strength】 89

【Defense】 78

【Magic】 46

【Magic power】 66

【Magic resistance】 66

【Agility】 75

【Skill】Mutation    Magic tools mastery

Is this real?

I didn't expect to be able to see the status of my summoned beast.

Basically you can't see the status of other people, but normally I can see the class and level of the people I'm parasitizing.

I wasn't able to see it like this, the ability and even the skills.

I'm able to see the status of the summoned beast in the same way I see my own because I summoned it? It's really useful.

But that was not the only thing that caught my attention.

Why did the level go up now?

Hana's level went up, right after eating the mushroom.

Can it be that Hana's level went up because of the mushroom?

In other words—.

「You are great, Hana. It's amazing that you were able to find something like this!」

When the voice of praise resounds in the forest, Hana starts running proudly around me.

If I remember well, you can only level up your class by taking

something like the energy that monsters have.

In other words, I can guess that this mushroom is filled with same kind of energy, in other words, experience.

I didn't see something like this before, and such a thing, it has to be considerably rare, because you can gain experience for your class.

It makes you more powerful by only eating it. Is this not the best?

As a parasite, this is something that you can't miss, a gem.

「Alright, let's search to see if there is something else. It's a treasure hunt, Hana」

Taking Hana along, I started to walk around the forest.

While walking, we dug up mushrooms. It was the start of such graceful afternoon.

It would be good to find something more.

## Chapter 31: A Mushroom Is Something That Has A Mysterious Power (2)

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I found it.

After walking for a while in the forest, I found in the same way as before a group of mushrooms. It has approximately the same number as the one earlier, and in a similar place, the foot of a tree.

Nonetheless, this mushroom that lets you level up surely has to be rare.

Because we found ten times the amount compared with the other mushrooms but this mushrooms only looked normally delicious, so this is not such a delicious story, Besides, even though I was delighted before, when you think about it, it only has the experience to let you level up from level one to three, so for me who is level 20, even if I eat it, it will not fill my stomach.

And that's why I decided to give the mushrooms to Hana.

Because if Hana level's up to a certain level, it will be able to fight with monsters, and for that surely it was correct answer to use the mushroom to boost Hana until then.

Also, all the more reason since I can also parasitize Hana.

I wasn't able to parasitize monsters or wild animals, so maybe it's because a summoned beast is a close existence to humans, a unique being.

By the way, when I used the skill communication with god, I tried parasitizing Rux, but it was useless. Although I think that it was natural because it was a image, so would I be able to do it to the genuine Rux?

I'm a little curious about it.

When I was thinking thinking things like that, Hana who was munching and devouring the mushrooms greedily, had its mage

class went up to level five.

Even though I parasitized Hana before it started to eat, and even the magnification is active my level didn't go up. As I expected, after becoming high level, it has no meaning to go looking for them given the amount of experience they give.

But it paid off to know that there are things like that.

If I go to a place where it has even more magic element than this forest, I will be able to find something with even more effect and I'm sure that it will give more experience, I'll put that information in the middle of my head.

It happened just when I thought about finishing the walk in the forest after gaining that type of information.

A small sized animal, a Laurel Wolf appeared from the depths of the forest.

There was only one wolf in my surroundings.

Could it be that I lost sight of the way and it appeared because I entered its territory ?

The wolf approaches towards me fearless while growling.

「Hana, come back, I will—」

Faster than what I said, Hana activated its magic.

Hana began shooting magic arrows, and pierced the Laurel Wolf's shoulder.

The Laurel Wolf raised a “Kyain” cry, and with it, the wolf withdrew.

「Wow. You've done well, Hana」

As if it was displaying proudly its strength, Hana tackles the trunk of the tree.

It was as if Hana was tackling a pole that wrestlers strike in practice, and it was surprisingly powerful.

At glance it looks cute, but it's a summoned beast after all.

It has the sufficient battle power to fight.

If Hana level's up even more, Hana will become a reliable existence.

While anticipating that moment, this time we returned.

It seems that Hana who ate the various mushrooms we found is already filled, and even its stomach was inflated to the point that is was ready to explode. Besides, we have also fought again, so I released the summon of Hana as a rest after the meal.

Moreover, my magic was being slowly consumed while it was summoned. Or rather, that is the main cause. The decreasing amount was not much, but when you do it for so long, the amount isn't insignificant.

When I released the summon, Hana's figure disappeared together with light.

While thinking about eating mushrooms as my dinner, I returned to the town.



## Chapter 32: I'll Take A Break For Today

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After finishing my walk with Hana, I returned to the inn.

After spending a great difficulty I passed the mushrooms to the old man of the inn, and he made me spaghetti filled with plenty mushrooms. A soup made with plentiful cream and cheese, and even a mushroom with a strong smell that doesn't lose with the others, combining the three, it becomes the delicious Trinity.

When I was enjoying the texture of the crispy mushroom, I thought for a moment that it was a waste to not sell it.

So for now I will preserve them in the space bag, as reserve.

It's not like I'm short on money.

Now that I'm filled, feeling good I laid down in the bed.

The next day, when I woke up, I ate mushroom soup as breakfast.

As I expected, eating something warm in a morning when the temperature is low is what heals you the best.

While eating, I thought about what I was going to do today but...

Yes, I was thinking about doing nothing today.

Recently I've been very active, so I want to take it easy today.

I went back to the bed and when I woke up it was already noon.

I was bored so somehow I started to putting in order the contents of the space bag.

Now that I have free time, I enter in such state that it gives me the desire to sort the inside as if it was a folder on the pc or sort them by height leaving them beautifully aligned.

Even though the capacity of the space bag has considerably grown, it's a waste to put unnecessary things inside, so I left those things together in the inn's room and then I started to organize the things.

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Ah, why are there three scissors? I'm sure that I forgot I bought one and went to buy more.

Why the hell and for what motive am I storing a tree plank?

Ah, there are some delicious baked sweets inside. Yes, they are delicious.

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「Sigh—I worked too well today」

I sorted the necessary things and the unnecessary ones, and then I stored the things I don't need to bring on a simple shelf of wood over the wall. I even thought seriously about the order of the things, it's perfect....!

While seeing the bag and the room which had been cleaned, a sense of accomplishment wrapped me. I threw myself into bed.

At that moment, I wasn't able to endure it more.

While I'm lying, I inhale the smell of the freshly clean room. Is there anything more beautiful than this? I'm sure there isn't.

I stayed the same way as I was, lying on the bed while chewing the happiness.

I kept lying there for a long time.

Doing nothing for almost thirty minutes, I opened and closed my eyes continuously while lying.

....Suddenly, I got up.

「I'm free」

Trying to sleep without doing anything is as one would expect, boring.

I want to do something but, there isn't nothing specially at the moment in my room to kill time.

What can I do?

After thinking for awhile, I left the inn and headed towards the block where numerous shops are aligned.

But today wasn't the same Iron Block as before.

It's a shopping district that was not given specially a name. By not giving it a name, it has nothing particularly special, there are only various normal shops selling daily necessities side by side.

My aim is a certain library.

Inside the store there is a big shelf, and there the books are aligned, some of them are a little dirty and torn. Even though there are arranged utensils and they had traces of being of high class, it seems that they were not being maintained.

It seems that books are high-class goods here, therefore, the masses don't buy them, they borrow the books. But even though it cost a considerable sum to buy one, borrowing them doesn't cost so much.

It's four silver coins in total for borrowing three books for a week.

Still it's more or less expensive but if you buy them it will not end in such low price. I think the price will multiply by ten.

The book I opened when I returned to inn was a picture book about the different monsters and wild animals living in this area.

The book didn't have color images, but it had the well-known Laurel Wolf and that fast rabbit which could run fast and even more pictures of monsters I had never seen before.

What was impressive was a monster that looked a giant beetle. In the reverse of the book there was a picture of the belly of the beetle making me remember how disgusting it was.

And as expected, a lesser demon. With an appearance that gives the feeling of 'The demon', it rises by a level the impression of this

fantasy world. A demon that has the horn of a goat. At glance, the appearance make it look fairly strong, and it seems that it's the same or stronger than the Cocytus Wolf. It's written to run away before dying if you meet with this monster.

It seems that the monster can be found in the third layer of the labyrinth, so it's likely that sooner or later I will meet it.

At that moment, an image appeared in the air.

【Shaman 13→14】

「Oh, a level up」

After reading a book, cleaning and sleeping, it seems that I leveled up.

After all, this is it, I have the feeling that I have used my ability a lot today.

Even though I think I didn't do much today, to tell the truth, this type of day where nothing happens is one of the more precious, yes.

And so I spent all day lazing around.

The biggest luxury is to waste time.

As expected, moving around without any aim is really good. I started to see it in a new light.

After severals days of rest, I passed my days borrowing books, eating while walking, taking naps, wasting time, and leveling up.

Let's rest with all my might tomorrow too.

# Chapter 33: The Second Ability Of The Parasite Skill

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After a few days after I started my vacations, I noticed something.

That something was that the speed of my level ups had become slow.

【Name】Eiji=Choukai

【Class】Parasite 27 Mercenary 16 Mage 8 Swordsman 7 Shinto Priest 14 Hunter 14 Shaman 14 Fighter 3 Miner 8 Thief 10 Spirit User 14 Enchanter 15

【Stamina】 181

【Strength】 160

【Defense】 153

【Magic】 180

【Magic power】 178

【Magic resistance】 177

【Agility】 165

【Skill】 Magic power recovery up Weakening Permanent summon Communication with God Servant summon Chewing stones Breath of life Element attack Spirit magic Spirit perception Magic enhancement Attack enhancement Magic amplification Healing hand+ Share pain Long distance weapons mastery Enhancement boost Parasite•Vision Parasite x4 Parasite•Class Parasite•Info Parasite•Gold Short ranged weapons mastery Strong Attack Magic tools mastery Magic arrow Sword mastery Consecutive swords Dispel Bow mastery.....

And of course, my level has risen but not as fast as before. It has

slowed considerably.

I can understand easily why it happened my level rose rapidly and thus I became strong, but it's not like the parasitized people can become strong like me, so the monsters they defeat, the experience they obtain won't change much.

That's why, no matter what, my growth has slowed after becoming high-level.

Even though the experience I get from my skill parasite is magnified, after all it's only four times per person.

So if the necessary experience to level up is four times or more their amount, then it's normal that it will slow down.

But well, I'm receiving the experience of four classes at the same time and even if it became slow, that in itself is a luxury. However, after you experience a level up with such amazing speed, you would think about wanting to taste it again.

It could be this what the people who borrows money feels when their income decreases but not their debt.

「But well」

I started to roll on the bed.

「There's no need to panic」

Because I don't have any necessity to raise my level.

I might be already the strongest in this town, and as long as I don't go towards a dangerous place on my own, I will not be defeated by monsters. And I don't have to worry about completing request because I also have money.

Something could happen in the future, but they say that if you talk about the next year, demons will laugh, so the only thing I can do is wait.

「...That's what I wanted to but」

I straightened and got out of bed.

Just recently I just thought of a good method.

Within the corridor of the cave, I look at my surroundings.

And when I'm sure no one is watching, I use 【Permanent summon】

Together with a light, the magic pig with a flower blooming on its tail, Hana appeared.

Without feeling nervous at all, Hana gives a cry, and then starts going round around me.

「It's good, good, today you are also lively」

When I crouch down and I start patting its back, Hana closes its eyes and makes a face as it were feeling really good.

Even though it's cute, I will not let you only show your cute side today.

「It has come」

What came from the depths of the labyrinth was a plant type monster that looked like a dandelion after blowing the fluff. But its size was different from a normal dandelion, it had an average height of a human.

The enemy changed its root to a hairy foot to start approaching, Hana also started showing motivation, but I signaled Hana to wait and then I went ahead.

Even though the appearance of the plant type monster didn't fit for it to be a physical type, the monster brandishing a robust leaf that has as arm came to attack me.

However, no monster on the first layer could become my opponent. Lightly exchanging blows, a strike was given using the sheath of the sword towards what it seems to be the body or the stalk.

The offensive power of the monster decreased rapidly after it began to totter.

「Good! Now it's the time, Hana, finish it!」

I withdrew to the back.

And at the same time that Hana received the signal, Hana started attacking with magic arrows, and even took the initiative to go ahead and tackle the monster.

As the monster was weakened, it couldn't evade nor counterattack, when received the final blow, it wilted.

Hana raises a cry of happiness.

The level went up just after that moment.

...Good.

Being in a good condition I was able to weaken the monster's strength, and so Hana was able to deliver the final blow. And like I planned, Hana was able to get a lot of experience.

A strong person defends a weak person, so defeating an enemy which you wouldn't be able to defeat alone will make you level up at high speed.

So to speak, it's a way to level up where the weak takes advantage of a strong person.

If I use this then I could be able to effectively increase the leveling speed of Hana, making Hana fight against strong enemies that in other way it wouldn't be able to fight.

But my goal is not only that.

I extend my hand, confirming that the golden light is connected with Hana.

I have the 【Parasite】 skill.

Using parasite, I can obtain and amplify the experience that the parasitized person obtains.



That itself is amazing, but if I entrust everything to the parasitized person then I would be able to obtain four times the amount. But if the parasitized person is only able to defeat weak monsters, the original experience will not be much even if it's four times the amount.

But if I use this method, then the person parasitized would be able to defeat monsters which previously was not able to. The base experience that I could win by making them defeating monster would increase exponentially.

For example, in this Paienne Labyrinth, I had the sensation that If I go to a layer lower, the experience I could get would increase at least tenfold.

Because you can't compare the dandelion with the ogre. It's not a joke to say that there could be even more difference.

So if I do the same in the second layer like I'm doing in the first layer, leaving Hana defeat the monsters alone, then I will be able to obtain ten times or more the amount of experience.

The originally four times will become ten times the amount. It's more, because the experience enters with both parasite and mage classes, the total is 80 times the amount!

If you speak of fighting then I need to act like the one who is parasitized and raise the other people levels, and if you speak of skills, then I only need to parasitize other people. If I use these two kinds of ideas, I will be able to raise the leveling speed like never before.

「Thanks to Hana a new horizon has been opened. I had never thought of the idea of helping other people raise their levels, but if you think about it, is it not something simple? Being parasitized and parasitizing, it was the correct answer to use this loop」

Not only me parasitizing other people, but letting the other parasitize too.

To have a spirit of cooperation is noble.

After that, while we were walking through the first layer of the Paienne Labyrinth, we hunted monsters. Thanks to the mushroom like monsters, Hana's level went up to some degree, and because the skill Hana knows, the mutual parasitic hunting went okay.

Hana's level and I, and even my mage class went up as we advanced, and as planned, we managed to increase our forces.

But what surprised me on our way was that Hana ate the monster it defeated.

Though I was already aware that it could eat anything, I never expected that it would start eating monsters starting with the dandelion and even continue eating without the slightest hesitation the imp that looked like a little demon.

Even though it's able to eat normal food, it seems that it can also eat monsters. As expected, it's because it's a summoned 【Beast】? I corrected my thinking.

At last we went towards the second layer entrance, challenging the monsters in the same way as before.

We were able to raise the levels here too using the same tactic against the ogres and the giant spiders. At first, because I took a defensive posture I made mistakes and almost I ended defeating the monsters, but after doing for a while I grabbed the trick, and succeeded in making Hana deliver the final blow.

With that enthusiasm, we hunted a considerable amount of monsters and by the time we reached the teletransportation crystal—

Hana【Mage 5→13】

Eiji【Mage 8→17, Parasite 27→28】

I felt super good.

I was able to taste the pleasant feeling of leveling a lot in one go

after a long time, and if in the future when I want to raise my level like today, I need to let them parasitize off me.

This will be fun from now on.

## Chapter 34: For Some Reason An Idea Comes To My Mind While In The Bathroom

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After improving my second idea for the parasite skill, I went towards the entrance using the teleportation crystal.

And it was when I left behind the labyrinth and returned to the inn that it happened.

Hana's body began to shine suddenly.

「Uwaa, so dazzling...! This is the same as before」

The same phenomenon as when Hana ate its first meal.

What's going on—

「Master, I'm hungry」

I heard a voice from the light.

...A voice?

While I was in doubt the light calmed down, and what appeared was a body covered completely in leaves, a summoned beast similar to a mop made of leaves.

So this is the evolution of this summoned beast?

No matter how you look at it, isn't it completely different from before?

However, its eyes were big and round as usual so I'm a little relieved.

「But, it talked!？」

「I became able to speak after growing」

「Its because of something like that?」

Hana bends what it seems to be its chest while making a proud expression.

I never thought it would reach the point where it's able to speak. The evolution is amazing.

「Master, I'm hungry」

「But I'm sure that you ate a considerable amount a while ago」

「I want to eat more」

It's brimming with appetite, but doesn't that mean it wants to fight against monsters?

If it can hunt alone even when I'm not at its side, then everything is perfect, I don't have any reason to stop it.

There is today's level up too, and now that it has evolved so it is possible for it to walk on two legs and use tools with its two hands.

If it's like this now then.

「Can you do it alone?」

「...! Of course!」

Oh, it seems really glad.

Which reminds me that until now I never let it act alone.

It's already in the age where it wants to do things alone.

「It's good if I go?」

Opening its eyes greatly like a black soybean, Hana stares at me.

As it seems that it also has plenty intelligence, it might have understood to some degree the strength of the monsters that it will hunt today, so I don't think Hana will do a careless thing and end injured.

In case I'm worried I can use 【Parasite·Vision】 to see its situation, so, yes, I don't see any problem.

「Yes, you can behave wildly. But don't kill yourself」

「Of course. Because master made me fight against different types of monsters is that I'm completely sure. Today, all day long,

master used his spare time for my sake and fought, supporting me. You even gave me mushrooms. That I was able to grow up was all thanks to master! I'm really grateful」

As if it were a wave, Hana start gradually bending starting from the waist.

Before I was aware, Hana even remembered how to bow. Well done.

「You don't have to go so far, because it's tied to my overall strength. Then, take care」

「Yes!」

After handing over some simple weapons, armors and medicine, Hana almost fell off started running towards the nearby forest.

When you look at it from distance, it really seems like seeing a mop moving at high-speed.

Hmm, a funny view.

If from now on it is possible for it to defeat monsters on its own accord even if we don't go together, then it will really help me earn the income like today in troublesome days.

Let's leave Hana to take care of everything sometimes when I have spare magic power.

Then, let's return?

...However, before that.

I didn't go back immediately, but I decided to return after passing through a bathhouse near the inn.

I already sweated all day working hard in the labyrinth, I decided to wash my sweat immediately.

There is a public bathhouse in this Laurel town. Something to be grateful of.

The bathhouse had the atmosphere of being a high class

bathhouse.

There is a changing room, and even several bathrooms.

There is a wide bathtub filled with hot water ready to use the moment you enter, and there is also another room with cold water. You can feel refreshed there after using the hot water.

It seems that there is a water service passing under the town, and the water they bring from there is heated. I think that it's quite amazing technology.

Something that surprised me is that they are using a room filled with vapor as a sauna. The enthusiasm of the people in this world towards the bath is quite impressive.

Normally I finish wiping my body with a wet towel, but sometimes I come here.

Unlike rich people, the common people doesn't have baths in their houses. Of course, the place where I'm staying doesn't have a bathroom, so this place is a lifesaver.

First I wash my body and then I enter into the bathtub.

It has a superb temperature... Ha~

I start to relax after closing my eyes, recovering from my fatigue.

As expected, the bathtub is the best. Even though I can feel refreshed with a shower as well, this is comfortable and it heals you. After using it for a while... Fuu~ I can't get enough of this.

「So you too are a bath lover? What a coincidence, I too」

「Yes, after all this is the best... Eh, that voice... Felipe!？」

After opening my eyes to see where the voice came, at my side was a man with red hair and with slightly almond-shaped eyes who I remember seeing before.

The craftsman from the magic tool shop, Felipe.

「I never thought that we would meet in such place」

I wanted to have a carefree day alone, but well, it's ok to have something like this occasionally.

I heard the sound of the hot water splashing, but because of my mood I was able to forgive something small like that.

「Do you come here often?」

「Well, occasionally. And you Felipe?」

「Needless to say. Coming here is useful for refreshing my head. But what I especially like is the vapor bath. That is something good, you have to try other things beside the bathtub, Eiji」

「I have used it occasionally, but it makes you perspire. If I have to chose one, I like wiping the sweat」

「Saying something like that... Well, maybe it's early for you」

Felipe lifted his hair, and started laughing as if he had won.

Why are you acting like an expert when you only like the sauna.

Even I can enter in something like a sauna.

「You are the one who seems to not understand completely the good of the bathtubs. The sensation of the water gently stroking your body... No, it's useless, this competition. Leaving that aside, how do you do in your work? Were you able to discover how to treat the material?」

After questioning, Felipe splashed hot water on his face.

A long breath came after.

「It's quite difficult. But even if I say that, it's not like I don't know how to use it. As long as I have it in my hand, I will have a breakthrough」

「Is that the truth? So even if it's difficult, you will be able to manage somehow」

「It's not guaranteed. Even if I know the way to deal with the material, the execution is difficult. The way I found need a high-



concentrated yet high purity magic crystal, but you can't find something like that easily. Therefore, I started thinking about another method that did not need that, but I don't know which will be the fastest, obtaining the crystal or thinking of another method. But well, thinking about this and that is interesting」

Broadly grinning, Felipe lift the edge of his mouth.

That expression of enjoyment that come from the bottom of his heart, it's exactly the expression that 'The craftsman' has to have.

Though it's little strange fellow, his attitude toward the work is the real thing.

「A magic crystal, eh?」

Similar to magic, the origin of this particular power is the magic element.

After it's gathered, the magic element hardens becoming a magic stone or a magic crystal.

With the magic crystal method the purity is higher. So if you tell me that you among them you need a high quality one, then I can imagine how difficult it could be.

「Eiji, you're an adventurer, right? A capable one to the point where you are able to obtain that type of rare material. If it is so, then go to find a magic crystal」

「Hey, hey, don't say it so carelessly. Since I was prepared to die. It's more, if we don't know where the place is, finding it will be— Adventurer? An adventurer?」

It could always work to ask an adventurer.

I'm sure they have every kind of information, and it could be possible for them to have what I'm looking.

I think that someone will give me the information I'm looking if I give them a reward, and it could be good to also place a request. It's likely that depending on the reward, they would look with all their

might.

Wait, wait a second.

This situation is it not the 'killing two birds with one stone'?

That's right, if I do that--

Unintentionally I clapped my hands together in the hot water.

「What happened? Grinning like that」

「Fufufu, no, no, it's nothing important. It's that something came to my mind」

I don't need to place a reward, I only need to help with the request.

Even though I'm restricted by my rank, I can receive requests one rank above mine. It's only that I can't do them because of their degree of difficulty.

My turn comes there, I will help them.

If it's the adventurers of this town, then my ability is known a little. From the moment I defeated the Cocytus Wolf, more or less, the estimation of everyone towards me is low but even so, most of the adventurers believes that I have a power higher than average adventurer.

That's why I will not present a reward or a request, but in exchange for helping them in their training to improve, I think that I can ask for a magic crystal.

However, the true purpose is more than obtaining a magic crystal, by helping the adventurers, they will be able to defeat monsters above their rank.

And like I did with Hana, using the other way of parasitizing with the adventurers, I will be able to obtain experience from a variety of classes.

Even if the request ends, from now on, to go towards a high rank

even if I don't partake anymore, I need to invite people and make them hunt in excess.

But if I suddenly say things like wanting to help them raising their levels for nothing, they will suspect me. There is no mistake thinking that they will think that there is surely a ulterior motive.

That is the flaw of using the parasite skill in that way. How can I let other people parasitizing off me without any resistance?

But if I say that it's because the reward or the remuneration?

A man with good intentions is doubted, but they will believe me if it's something like give and take. This is sad.

I look towards the ceiling where the drops of water are thickly attached.

A drop falls to my forehead hitting me.

That's why, this can work.

If it's like this, then I can obtain the two things that I want at the same time.

A magic crystal as a reward for helping, and additionally, I can obtain experience.

Is this not something extremely delicious? Using the double parasitism, I can obtain double the reward.

I can't do nothing but go, to the adventurers guild.

# Chapter 35: The Pair Of The Four Man Group

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Eureka! Eureka!

After almost not being able to endure my urge to scream I left behind the bathhouse after properly wearing my clothes.

I went straight and quickly towards the adventurers guild.

It was already evening, but even so there was a reasonable number of people, talking with sake in hand or having a light meal. It was like the atmosphere of a simple bar.

While looking at the appearance of such a guild, I started thinking who to choose.

I can roughly remember having seen all the people here.

Because the majority of the people in this place were parasitized I know their classes and levels.

I could not decide without thinking about what class I'm going to level up or what person I'm going to choose.

At that moment, the figure of Veil crossed through my field of vision.

That's right, I approached Veil after remembering that I can wish for anything from her. But at that moment the other party noticed me and started walking towards me.

「Eiji! It has been a long time since you have come to the adventurer guild」

Veil spoke excitedly and even her body seemed to be bouncing cheerfully.

Lured by her actions, I also raised my tone and answered her.

「Yes, it has been a long time, Veil. I was spending my days with ease, but now I have a little errand to do」

「Errand? The way you say it, it's not like a request?」

「Yes, you're right」

As we speak I thought about if it's good to use Veil as a object for the double parasite plan or not, but it seems that she is leveling up her mercenary class considerably.

Seeing that, it makes me want to level up some other class.

「It's about that, I have something to request of you, Veil」

「A request? Of course, you can request me anything. Like I said when you saved me」

Veil hit her chest saying that I can leave it to her.

These are the times when she becomes reliable.

While hiding about the parasite thing, I explain to Veil the details.

That for my plan to go well, I need her to look for someone. Even though I'm looking for a person with a high rank, I told her that I wanted her to tell me if there is a person who seems to be passing through quite a difficult time. That it would be good if that person is capable of joining together as a group with others.

「I understood. As promised, I have to return what I borrowed with the best of my effort. ...But you know, Eiji, something like that it's okay?」

「Okay? There was a problem with what I said?」

「There isn't a problem... But after saying with trouble about accepting any request you had for me, I'm wondering if something simple like that will be okay」

「No, no, I never had the intention of forcing you to do something unreasonable. Besides, this is what I need the most at this moment」

After saying like, with a troubled expression Veil scratches her

head.

「Ye~s. I wonder if waiting is useless」

「Waiting? For what?」

「It's nothing, I'm talking to myself. I need to think about a strategy」

Waving vigorously her neck, Veil was with a thoughtful look.

「I'm really grateful that you are thinking about what I talked with so much eagerness」

「It's not about what you talked, it's about my current strategy」

「I have no idea what you're talking about any longer」

「Ahaha, it's alright. I'm thinking seriously about that too. You can leave it to me!」

Veil appeals to me showing her determination showing me her clenched fist, and immediately went to talk to others adventurers.

I didn't understand very well, but if she will do it, then it's okay.

Nothing would help me so much more than Veil selecting previously and carefully people who seems able to accept my requests.

Because if I'm continuously refused one after another my heart would break.

So I only need to wait for the results.

—I wanted to do that, but I changed my mind and tried calling at least one time.

Because just at that moment I found a person who seems to be able to accept my conditions.

「It has been a long time」

「Nn? Ah—, Eiji! It's been a while」

The moment the female adventurer noticed me calling her, she

grabbed my hand and starting waving up and down.

The adventurer next to her, with a composed manner gave a small nod.

「You saved us that time. And thanks to that, we can continue being adventurers」

Yes, the ones who I called where the adventurers who were injured and which I helped in the Paine Labyrinth.

From the four man group of that moment, the ones I found were the male leader and two females.

「I am glad to hear that」

「I'm seriously glad! My guardian angel」

With my hands still gripped, the female adventurers shakes even more my hand.

What a lively child.

Rather, it seems that my shoulder would come off.

「You were okay since that? You handed us the recovery medicine」

「Well, I managed to do it somehow. And I even found something rare」

「Ooh—, that's amazing. If you didn't save us at that moment, about now we would be nothing more than bones being chewed by a wolf. You've done very well in returning alive after saving us」

「Really. And yet, they say that you are a rookie who registered recently. We are in same adventurers guild as a monstrous man」

The man adventurer nods earnestly while touching his beard.

I shook my head while scratching my temple.

「No, um, it's wasn't something so important. Back to the topic, I'm looking for a material that I need in order to deal with the materials that I found at that time——」

I briefly explained them the situation.

And just like I planned, I offered to help them with their request without a part of the reward in exchange of the magic crystal.

「You don't need to do such thing」

The man adventurer declared immediately.

Eh, this developed a little different to what I thought.

「We are in your debt. So, it's unnecessary for you to help us. Even if we don't gain anything, for your sake we will look for information and the crystal」

「No—, I will be troubled if you do that」

「Troubled?」

「Ah, it's not like I will be troubled, that's incorrect, yes, if you do so much only for the medicines, I will feel really guilty. What I'm looking for is the magic crystal and it's really rare so it would be too much to ask in exchange for what I did. That's why, if you let me help you with your request——」

Almost about to fail because the other party possessed a strong sense of duty, but somehow when I was about to try fixing it, unexpectedly, the one who supported me was female adventurer.

「He is right, Georg. It's like he said, let's have him help us—」

「Hey, Mimi. What are you doing making him help us when we need to return our debt」

「Isn't it alright? I'm a person who thinks that good will has to be accepted honestly, you don't think so? Hey, ah... I don't know your name」

So these two are Mimi and Georg?

I didn't know their names until now.

「I'm Eiji. It's like Mimi said, Georg-san. If I were really a burden I will not say it. Besides, a high purity magic crystal is in a place



where a thick magic element resides, and if I want look for it, then I thought it would be better to accumulate experience doing hard requests. In other words, I will also profit」

「Look, look, look, look, look— Eiji is also saying that, let's ask him. Just now, there wasn't a request you were aiming for? A difficult one」

Mimi raised her fist emphasizing.

It's good that this child is simple. It's something to be grateful for.

Alternately comparing our faces, Georg sighs.

「I understand. I will ask you, Eiji. Please support us」

I did it, the negotiations were successful!

Now I can train by training these two people.

「Yes, let's work hard together」

I answered vigorously.

# Chapter 36: The Attacked Village Surino

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The aligned buildings were small compared to Laurel.

A vast field stands out, I'm passing through the grasslands near the town while the cows and the horses were eating.

This is the Sunori village.

The place where Eiji together with George and Mimi came to complete the request they accepted.

「It has been three hours in that swaying wagon~ We have arrived at the Sunori village~ We have a strong supporter, so today is going to be completely safe, an easy victory~」

「Mimi, you're singing a strange song again...」

「It's not strange. I thought about becoming a singer if I didn't make it as a adventurer!」

George looked towards me and shrug his shoulders.

It seems that these two people are always in high spirit.

After reaching a mutual agreement, immediately we received the request that these two had in mind, and we came to Sunori the next morning after procuring one wagon.

When I got off the wagon, I completely stretched my body.

It was enjoyable to see the scenery like the grasslands, forest and rivers in the swaying wagon, but being confined in the wagon made my body creak.

Fuu, the sense of liberation is irresistible.

「Then, let's get going to the client?」

「Yes, go, go」

Taking the lead, we went towards the client's house.

Even if I said that this is a village, it's not to the point that it feels

like being a rural area. A difference from Laurel, the ratio of fields and cattle here is increased and the overall of shopping districts and the like was made in small scale. But I'm relieved that it's not to the point where I will have problems staying here.

According to the map, we went towards the client's place and heard the full story.

The officer, the one who established something like a union of agriculture in this Sunori village, told us that such incidents where the cattle was killed is happening recently and frequently.

It even appeared to have injured people.

The request is to strike the nest where the monster resides, but it seems that this monster is quite a strong one according to what the client heard from the one who witnessed the attacks.

As he knew from where it came and like the saying, 'strike while the iron is hot' we immediately headed to that place.

「What do you think, Eiji? You think you're able to do it?」

「Yes, if it's like the information, then I'm completely sure. I have fought against a big spider before」

「So you fought against such disagreeable fellow, eh, Eiji. A giant spider pierced the horse's neck with a needle and started sucking its fluids! ...That had to be very frightening」

「That means that everything is okay as long as we are not pierced by its needle」

「Indeed~ You're intelligent, Eiji」

「You have to use your head a bit more, Mimi」

Being said that by George, Mimi shows 'Hii' teeths.

George is a bearded man in the prime of his life, and Mimi is a petite girl who changes her expressions frequently, a girl in her teens.

These two are like cousins separated by a large age, it calms you down.

„,That reminds me.

If you speak of two people.

「By the way, the other two? I forgot until now」

While walking toward our destination which was on the side of the mountain, I asked.

I remembered that the last time they were a group of four.

「Ah, we were four people in the labyrinth, right. They are doing a different request by themselves. They are collecting shells at a lake near Laurel. Well—It's not like we are always together even if we get along well. We form groups between us depending what request caught our attention, something like that」

I understand, they form a group of four people when they are going to do a big job.

Before was because they were all excited about capturing the labyrinth.

This time, these two are forming a group, the thief Mimi and the miner George. A useful class even if you exclude the combat side, let's put fully into action the parasite class?

After walking for awhile, we finally arrived at our destination, the foot of the bald mountain.

The giant rocks were rolling, in the ground there were strange profunds dents and the like, and even though it wasn't a forest there was considerably number of blind spots.

The ground was soft sand, so it was not easy to move around.

The giant spider is a monster that appears in the Paienne Labyrinth's second layer, a fairly formidable enemy for both of them.

「Be careful. It may appear suddenly and the ground is bad」

Both of them nod to my words, they took their weapons and they put on guard.

I also look to my surroundings carefully—I see, so it already came?

Noticing the sand at my left side rising, while looking at the rock, I point towards it without speaking.

While making faces of being surprised, both of them head towards that place with weapons in hand.

「Haa!」

At the same time the spider shows its appearance, I kicked the ground.

It's difficult to bring out speed in this soft sand so I kicked the rock while being on its top, and with a second kick from the rock, I charged towards the monster's body.

Without giving time to the monster to attack, I cut more than half one of his eight feet, I crushed its fangs. A green fluid scattered.

「Now it's the time!」

Watching my movements in mute amazement, both of them headed towards the spider in amazement.

The spider struggles, but in its current situation where it lost its fighting strength, George and Mimi were declared as the winner. There was a part where they were a little afraid but they were able to easily and safely defeat the enemy.

「We did it! We defeated it, and to such a monster!」

「Yes, I was surprised. I saw a similar fellow in the second layer of the labyrinth but this was bigger」

Both of them look to each other face not believing what

happened.

Then I turn my head towards them.

「As I expected, nothing is like actually seeing it. In a blink of an eye you cornered it to the verge of death, Thanks to Eiji even we were able to fight against this monsters, you really are a formidable guy」

「No, it was nothing amazing. A big part of that was because I took it by surprise——It came again」

This time the giant spider appeared by the shade of the rock.

The monster shot a thread but because the speed wasn't so great I was able to evade it easily.

In the same way that happened before, to let these two deliver the final blow I crush several feets and fangs leaving it incapacitated.

「Good. leave it to me. I will finish it again!」

Mimi immediately retort me, currying favor with me.

The compound eye was torn up with the dagger, she shows me a triumphant smile.

But at that moment, the spider raised its good foot, and its sharp tip it's pointed towards Mimi.

「Mimi!」

「Eh—?」

Reacting to George's voice, recognizing the danger, Mimi opened her eyes in astonishment.

But I already had begun to move.

It seems difficult to stop it with the damage that the magic arrows do.

So I will stop it face to face. Accumulating the skills 【Boost】, 【Speed enhancement】 and 【Sylph】, I speed up and I appear in

front of Mimi. I stop the giant's spider big foot with the stomach of the sword, and without changing, I cut it and it flew away.

「Eiji—...」

「Let's finish it in one go!」

「Yes!」

Mimi brandish the dagger with all her strength and without changing, she thrust the dagger until she tears the mouth. The giant spider started convulsing, and this time surely it depleted all its strength.

...Sigh, thank god I was able to reach in time.

I leaked a big sigh.

I failed by letting this become a dangerous situation. Maybe I needed to weaken it a bit more. I made it so to not finish the monsters, but it seems that I need still to consider its condition. Safety first.

When I was thinking things like that, I noticed Mimi staring at me. I opened my mouth.

「I'm sorry, I let you experience something dangerous」

「Why is Eiji apologizing? I was the one who relaxed the guard」

「It's because I was the one who invited you all. To a dangerous request above of your rank. That's why I don't have other choice but to pay more attention, and because at first everything went ok, I relaxed my guard. I will be more careful from now on」

Saying that, I bowed.

When I lift my face a little, I saw Mimi staring at me with a face who seems to be angry and about to cry.

「Uu— Idiot, idiot, don't apologize! Because I was who relaxed her guard. Because you, Eiji were really cool when you saved me」

She started fiercely beating her chest.

At the same moment, George tap my shoulder.

「That's right, it's not something for why you should be bowing. It was possible to finish it with her ability in that moment. But that happened because we relaxed our guard after our first victory. I too, because I was careless seeing that I wasn't following Mimi. The ones who will have to be careful this time, are we」

「...Thank you, George, Mimi. You are right, all of us should concentrate. There is never an easy request」

George and Mimi nodded together.

【Thief 10→11】

「Oh, I leveled up!」

At the same moment that a display indicating that she leveled up, she raised her voice.

It seems that I also leveled like Mimi.

「I also raised my level just now, how is it possible to growth so quickly? When defeating monsters like these」

「Yes, it's amazing, amazing. Let's kill more monsters」

「You are a such self-interested gal. You have to control yourself」

「I already know that. Let's go Eiji, let's go with a bang」

Mimi got in a good mood after leveling up? Grabbing my hand, she pulled me towards the depths of the rocky area, Even though there was a little accident, I'm leveling seriously and moving forward with the request at the same time. Let's continue going with this enthusiasm.



# Chapter 37: Growth

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After that we continued working hard in dealing with the extermination of the giant spiders.

There were other monsters besides the spider but as we defeated them as well, a few days passed while we continued changing places.

Making use of their reflection of what happened on the first day, George and Mimi always stayed near me, observing the monster's movement in detail for the moment when it's their time to act.

Safety first, as I expected, this is the basic.

I tried using the parasite skill on the monsters we met on our way, but like always without any reaction, the light disappeared together with a feeling of being misfired. I thought that it was possible to do it because I was able to do it with the summoned beast, but it seems that there will be no development in particular where I will be able to suddenly do it because I leveled up.

thinking for a moment about how delicious it could have been to parasitize a strong carnivorous monster, but I have no choice but to continue parasitizing humans.

Doing this and that we continued defeating the spiders and other monsters, and finally we completed the request.

The only thing left to do is to report to the client and return to Laurel town, but after passing great troubles in coming here, I will buy and eat the Sunori special product; a sausage, before returning.

It seems that the sheep's here are delicious.

「Uwaa, juicy! The meal after the request is delicious!」

Using the skewer to pierce the sausage that was served, Mimi started filling her mouth after blowing on the food with a 'Fuu

Fuu'.

I also started to eat without delay... Wow!

It lives up to its reputation, it's delicious. The feeling of tearing apart the tight skin was pleasant, the flavor was confined strongly inside the meat. Even though it looked like ketchup, the strong point of this sauce produced in Sunori was its sweetness, and it suited this food the best .

Now I will have to return occasionally to this village even if I don't have any request to do.

After having enough of the speciality, we returned to the guild in the same wagon that we came in in order to report the request.

I firmly refused part of the reward since my payment was making them looking for a magic crystal.

Because, I have【Parasite・Gold】, you know?

Rather, I'm sorry for being the one who receives the most.

Also I was able to considerably level up 【Thief 10→18】 and【Miner 8→18】classes.

I was able to learn【Speed boost】and【Discern (Mineral)】among the new skills I have obtained.

A superb result, I think that I can say that my plan for first campaign was a complete success.

「You are really okay with this? You are even giving us part of your reward」

In front of the guild, while touching his beard, George asked again.

「Yes, it's okay. Instead, if you happen to find what I asked for, I want you to hand it over me without fail. It's like an investment. Because if I think about buying it normally, it would be even more expensive than what I get for my reward」

「In other words, you are gambling on us. In case we don't find it your loss will be the reward, but if we find it, your gain would be what it would cost you to buy the magic crystal. Interesting, I like those kinds of things. Eiji, I'm sure that we will find it. George, you have to do your best」

George grabbed the head of Mimi who was beating his chest with a 'don don', and used an iron claw to finish.

「Nuo~o!」

「Mi·mi·, you are the one who has to do your best! Because he even saved your life. —Eiji, you can leave it to us. We not only were able to finish this request, we were even able to improve our strength thanks to you, Eiji. Now this power will even help us with our explorations」

「Yes, yes, even I was surprised by the suddenly leveling up. This is awesome, the effect of defeating monsters above our rank. And Eiji who is able to defeat such monsters is even more amazing! Also, thank you. You saved me. You were super cool」

After removing the hand from her head, Mimi started laughing while exposing her protruding tooth.

Wow.

The stimulation of being said that so straightforward is too strong.

But as one would expect, being told that by a teenager doesn't look good— No, wait, maybe because it's a different world it's okay?

No, no, saying that I was cool when I saved her has to be like when a electrician fixes a short circuit. I don't have to misunderstand that and be so cocky.

You need to be careful when saying things like that to an unpopular guy because then it will become something troublesome, you don't want that, Mimi?

After calming myself down, I told them to call me again if something come up again before parting ways.

At any rate, the double parasitism went well.

Even though for a moment it was dangerous, thanks to Mimi and George leveling up without stopping I also was able to level up.

Now these two will make even more progress in their daily adventures as adventurers since they have become strong, so when I parasitize them again in the future the efficiency will go up.

If I do this with the other classes I want, then it's perfect.

It's time for Veil's results of her investigation to come up... Fufufu, Haaahaaha.

Ah~I can't wait for it.

After returning to the inn in a very good mood after a long time, my dinner was more luxurious than usual after telling them that I had finished my request. Thank you, old man from the inn.

Next day I called Veil when I got to the adventurers guild.

Veil who had completed the investigation like I asked to her, passed me a list.

After giving my thanks to Veil, I listened to her talking while I gathered all the information about the classes that I already know and then decided on who I was to choose.

So like I did with George and Mimi, I approached with a proposal and started the strengthening strategy.

Of course, there were some who rejected me, but after paying a little extra money or going with people who wants the same things as me, after saying that I would help them, I was able to gather a considerable amount of people to collaborate.

This was my first time doing something like this, but everything went quite well.

Because everything went well I was able to raise the level of the people who collaborated with me a lot, and so I also grew considerably. It went much better than what I expected, so accidentally I let out a chuckle.

I continued following my plan for a while, so I was able to raise the level of a splendid number of classes.

I think all the classes that could be possible for me to level up in this town (that I'm aware) with my double parasitism were mostly leveled up.

Unexpectedly, the variation of classes between the adventurers were not so many.

There were a lot of adventurers with the class warrior or mage, but few had noncombat class or unique ones.

After all, people work according to what suits them, adventurers who fight mostly have miner or farmer classes, that means that people who have almost no potential would not even try.

But well, I'm sure if you have a farmer class you would be doing better in agriculture, rather than being an adventurer.

「Oh, it's Ally」

While I was lost in my thoughts thinking about all my accomplishment until now, I saw Ally's figure.

Sometimes I catch sight of her, and sometimes we pass each other when I look to cooperate with others in a request, so I'm wondering if she was training diligently until now?

For a moment while I remained looking at Ally while thinking, she turned around and our eyes met.

Ally stopped moving, and then she fixedly stared at me.

With a smile on my face, I raised my hand and started waving as a greeting.

But then, Ally started to approach me slowly but with big stride.

At the next moment, she stops just in front of me with her lips closed tightly and with a horrifying expression she stares at me.

Eh, what, what is happening?

Did I do something wrong?

Ally doesn't seem to be very angry.

「Why I was not invited?」

「...Eh?」

「You completed request with other people, you explored the labyrinth and you even went adventuring, but why you did not call me!?!」

Ally who was intensely and perplexedly staring at me takes a deep breath, but since she wasn't able to suppress her reason and anger, she said it with a furious sounding voice.

## Chapter 38: Together With Ally

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Holding me down while talking with a calm voice but without being able to conceal her resentment, Ally said to me 『Why did you go adventuring together with other people without calling me?』

At last she said it.

But, but, she is right.

「But if I don't remember wrong you said the last time we met that you were going to be in your house training. Alone」

「That is, um... I said that. I said that but! But, is it not obvious that I am going to be envious after seeing you having fun adventuring in front of me? If you are going to have adventures with so many different people then you may as well invite me too」

I see, so Ally also wanted to go on adventures together.

She must be really tired from training all by herself.

「I see. If it was like that, it would have been better if you had told me earlier」

「But, after having declared that I would be training alone, is it not obvious that it would be hard for me to say something like that? If you were to tell me something like ‘it's already time for us to go together to the labyrinth’ or ‘let's do a request together’, I was already prepared to say ‘Yes’, but even though we passed each other, you did not invite me」

Ally lowered her hand while clenching it tightly.

Despite this, she's always gentle and has a soft manner.

「It is unfair that you are only going with other people, I also want to go on adventures with you. I am at my limit of endurance! ... Please, don't make me say this」

Ally turns her face away with a “Fuu”.

The appearance of lightly biting her lips looks a lot like an obstinate child.

I see, Ally also had a side like this to her.

It's unexpected but rather because it's unexpected it's that maybe she is glad that she is able to show an unexpected side of her.

「I have already acknowledged your strength, so I was thinking of going together again if the occasion arises. But because you told me you were going to train on your own I restrained myself. If Ally were to tell me something like, I have already trained enough, then I would have invited without missing a second」

「Is that right? ...N, no, but, I also have a little of pride but... No, you are right, in the end I ended taking back my words on my accord. Moreover, I took a bad attitude and ended complaining in a loud voice...」

Ally's face reddened rapidly, and somewhat embarrassedly she rearranged the position of the hand that she had lowered before to the front of her stomach.

With a voice that sounded like it could disappear at any time, she said.

「I apologize, I have revealed a shameful behaviour on my own. I will return home」

「No, no, wait, you don't have to go」

When I became aware of what I've done again, as if she wasn't able to endure another second being here, Ally started walking towards the guild's exit but I was able to stop her somehow.

「I don't care about that! Saying things like you were embarrassed, rather, I also wanted to see your spirit magic after not seeing it for a while. You really helped me saying that」

「You are kind, Eiji-sama. I have never met someone who was so kind as to behave as if they had never heard what I had said



before」

「No, it's not that I'm kind, I'm really thinking what I said, it's the truth」

Actually, what I said before about wanting to go together in adventures with Ally was not a lie. She is the most powerful adventurer that I know, so it's not like I don't have an interest in her.

Ally nods with her face still red.

「I was discourteous, being so obstinate despite you going so far as to pay attention to me. Please, let me depend of your kindness, Eiji-sama. I will do my best to apologize for what I've done!」

「No, you don't have to go that far」

Therefore, it ended with the two of us doing request together.

Since we went to the labyrinth last time, we decided to try doing a request.

But when we went to check what type of request we could accept, unexpectedly, we found that the two of us were worrying about the same request.

And that was, a request from the Sunori village.

Because their people and cattle were attacked, in order to find the cause they made a request, but even so, among the victims, people were found dead with their blood sucked out.

Why is this here again if I've already solved it?

We hadn't finished the job with what we had done?

I was worried, so once again, it made me want to see their situation.

And for Ally, it seems that the word bodies with their blood sucked out caught her attention.

After having only left for a few weeks, once again, I headed

towards Sunori village.

To investigate the Sunori village blood sucking incident, I and Ally headed out immediately.

I was traveling in the same wagon as the last time.

Since I have plenty of time, I will review the new changes of my status before the request.

【Name】Eiji=Choukai

【Class】Parasite 32 Mercenary 16 Mage 14 Swordsman 16  
Shinto priest 21 Hunter 14 Shaman 22 Fighter 15 Miner 18 Thief  
19 Spirit user 18 Enchanter 20 Farmer 20

【Stamina】 221

【Strength】 212

【Defense】 204

【Magic】 230

【Magic power】 229

【Magic resistance】 245

【Agility】 210

【Skill】 The way of stealth Nimble fingers 2 Magic  
strengthening Weakening spell The law of all Indomitability  
Fire\_field Farm tools mastery Judge (Earth) Nourishment  
transformation Anti barrier spell Speed boost Status drain  
Force crops growth Judge (Plant) First attack Awake wild  
nature Special efficacy darkness Special efficacy sub-dragon  
Special efficacy plants Servant summon Chewing stones Breath  
of life Element attack Spirit Magic 2 Spirit Perception Terrain  
adaptation: Fields Terrain adaptation: Rooms Parasite•Info  
Parasite•Gold Short ranged weapons mastery Strong Attack  
Magic tools mastery.....

My basic stats have risen considerably when you compare them

to before.

Individually, my stats doesn't increase so much, but leveling all the classes I have make my stats increase considerably.

However, my stats are balanced.

It's likely that all my stats are all balanced because of all the classes I have, well, that's only my case though. Because if I had a unique class like everyone else, then maybe I would only have one high stat, for example the magic power.

It's also well known that your stats will rise if you train normally, that's why it seems that's the normal way to do it.

Besides, even if my average stats are low, it could be possible that there is someone that only has a talent with magic power attack or maybe someone with abnormally high status because of their fruits of having trained. And even if I surpass such a guy with the compound power, it's possible for me to be defeated.

Though I think I have become quite strong, overconfidence is the worst enemy.

That's why, I need to use my skills properly.

Even though I have learned a considerable number, I think some are especially interestings.

A way of walking that makes it difficult for other to notice you, 【The way of stealth】.

The effect of all the magics are raised but you will suffer a part of a curse 【The law of all】

Because the summoned beast that evolved had the farmer class I learned the【Judge (Earth)】.

A skill that make possible to deprive other people of their stats temporarily 【Status drain】. This skill was born from the compound skill between the shaman and enchanter class.

The less man made objects around the more your attributes

improve 【Awake wild nature】. This is a compound skill of three classes, farmer+miner+spirit user. Surely it's strong because it's made with three.

And next, the new skill that I have obtained after a long time with my parasite class, 【Terrain adaptation: Room】.

...Hey.

No matter how you look at it, I think it's really cruel.

Saying things like that my room is my home ground, um, well, it fits the parasite class, but what's going on with this doubtful pathetic skill that makes it seem like someone who is haughty and boastful at home but meek and reserved outside?

But this skill not only improves my overall strength by about 20%, it improves my natural healing power and even sharpens my senses, this is such a good skill.

it's just that this this skill can be activated only when you are inside of a small closed space of a determined scale, so such weakness wouldn't help you at all when fighting against monsters...

Outdoor is out of the question, and caves and labyrinths are also out, because even though they could be considered indoor they are spacious.

There doesn't seem to be many places where I could activate this skill. And it's likely for this skill to shine only when a enemy comes to attack me in my room, but even so, something like that is almost impossible, normally.

After all is this a joke skill?

Well, doing this and that my skills increased but this made me think about something. Realistically speaking, would be possible for me to use all my skills? Such a feeling came to me.

It's good that they are easy to use.

I even remember having cleared Dragon Quest and even the boss of Final Fantasy without using magic even once, things like that happens often.

But well, after having learned all those skill through great pains, I was wondering if I should use them at least one time. As I continued thinking about that I started looking at the scenery outside of the wagon.

Today's weather is so nice that it's also perfect to walk down the road.

It's likely we will arrive in Surino soon.

# Chapter 39: The Probability Of Four Acquaintances Meeting Is Not Unexpectedly Low

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Shortly thereafter, the wagon reached Sunori.

「Nn—, at last I can stretch my body」

「Fuu, I have come back to life」

Our stiffened bodies loosened the moment we reached Sunori's entrance.

The other clients who were riding the wagon with us, were in a similar way as us, stretching their backs.

「After coming here at last, let's hang around a little? We have some spare time」

「Yes, let's do that. I also want to see what there is here」

Before going towards the client's place, we decided to wander around Sunori.

After speaking to Ally in the wagon, it seems that it's her first time coming here.

「I came here before, but let me tell you, their sausage was quite delicious」

「That reminds me, a lot of pigs and sheeps are kept here」

「Yes, yes, it's their speciality. Want to go? Rather, you absolutely must go」

「Certainly. I will welcome with my open arms whatever is delicious」

Thus I guided Ally to the stand I visited last time.

Regardless of the reason, I wanted to eat it once more. It's really delicious.

But at that moment, I heard a familiar voice come to me.

「Deliciou~s! This is delicious no matter how many times you eat it, isn't it George? 」

「It is. However, is it not a little too much eating three?」

「It's alright, it's alright, no matter how many times you eat, something delicious is delicious. Ah—I'm happy, the third time makes one happy—」

The ones speaking were of course Mimi who had her mouth filled with sausages and George.

I hastened my pace and then I called them.

「So you two also came here, Mimi, George」

「Hm? Aah, Eiji! You also came here Eiji?」

「Oh, is It not Eiji? It has been a long time. Also—It can't be that you are the one I met from the labyrinth?」

George and Mimi turned their face towards Ally.

Ally bows gracefully.

「That is correct. We came here after receiving the request from the adventurers guild. I am called Ally=Duo. It has been a long time」

After Ally finished presenting herself, I told her about our recent spider extermination.

George and Mimi thanked her again for what happened in the labyrinth.

It seems that George apparently knew about Ally being an adventurer even though she was a noble. He also knew about her relation with Coru, but even so it seems there is a considerable amount of people who knew about that too.

Well, Ally normally uses the adventurers guild without hiding her identity, and for Coru, he was already famous among the

adventurers.

If it is so, then it's not rare at all being known.

Afterwards, when I talked about the reason we came here—.

「It's the same with Eiji? Us too. But in our case, our request was to protect the village from someone who is attacking at night」

「It's like that, so before taking a nap until the night we are filling our stomachs」

To the action of Mimi knocking vigorously her stomach with a 'Pon', Ally laughed strangely.

「As for Eiji and I, we came here to investigate with the intention of solving the problem. We are going to learn of the details after this, but it appears that there is other people who are trying to solve the problem with a different approach」

「So it seems—. Hm~... Even if our request is at night, it is still a bit early to go to sleep, is it? What are you going to do after this Ally?」

「Since I am not familiar with this town, I was thinking of visiting several places. After having traveled a long way to come here, it is not sufficient for me to only complete the request from the adventurers guild」

「Oh, so this is your first time here? Then, it's not good if I don't guide you— Ally, go, go!」

Mimi advanced rapidly through the aligned stalls as she pulls Ally's hand.

Unexpectedly it seems that those two get along well.

I looked towards George who was left like me.

With a serious face, George turns his face towards me.

「Sorry Eiji, but let me tell you that I don't have any intention of holding hands with you?」



「I didn't want that!」

After that we started sightseeing around Sunori.

It must be because this city doesn't have a adventurer's guild that they sent their request to Laurel. Moreover, there was almost no armor shops here.

But even so you couldn't feel any inferiority in the daily necessity stores compared to Laurel. There is a somewhat big plaza with fishes running free in pond for enjoyment, so although it's called a village it's not like they are not quite developed.

A field extends in the surroundings of the village, a great number of cattle is being raised.

Quite a good place to live.

Walking around the edge of the village, sheep and horses were eating grass, while observing such peacefully scenery, we were eating the same thing they had bought.

「Ha~This is also delicious」

「So is this, would you like to try one, Mimi-sama?」

To Mimi who was putting sauce in her mouth while eating a meat pie, Ally recommends a vegetable pound cake.

However, Mimi shook her neck fiercely.

「Ah, could be that you dislike it?」

「A carrot is impossible, absolutely」

That vegetable pound cake had a faintly orange color of a carrot on it.

At glance it looks considerably delicious and if it's carrot, then it has a considerable amount in it.

「Mimi, It's time to once and for all to lose your habit of picking food. Didn't somebody say that an adventurer can eat anything?」

「I would rather die on the road than eat carrot!」

Good grief, says George while shaking his head.

Ally says 'if that it's the case' and look towards me.

「Eiji-sama is okay with this kind of food?」

「Yes, I'm not picky about food」

「Well then, please try eating this by all means. It is really delicious, truly」

Let me see, I cut a slice of the vegetable cake and threw it in my mouth.

Oh? It has a mysterious taste. The bitterness of the vegetable and the sweetness fit perfectly, I don't know why but it's delicious. So there are foods like these.

As I was enjoying the village taste, a horse's eyes and mine met.

When I look once again, the horse is making a somewhat clever face.

Those were the eyes of a grieved philosopher.

That reminds me, long time ago I also read philosophy books.

In my highschool days, I remember reading books such as Kierkegaard or the Nietzsche's Japanese translation, without understanding their meanings.

If you don't understand the culture's place or the period, that sort of things, then you wouldn't be able to understand them at all. It would have been enough to honestly buy the explanatory book, but at that moment I was infected with the notion that the best and coolest thing to do would be to buy the book as they were.

I'm curious about why people feel like they had become smarter if they aren't able to understand? No matter how you think, those who understand are those who became smarter.

While I was having such thoughts, it became something so philosophical, Ally began to talk to me after looking in the same

direction like me.

「There are a lot of crops and livestock products, it is not that right?」

「Yes. Ah, try eating this too, Ally」

「A bread that has ham in between, cheese and vegetable, I like this kind of thing. However since we are here, it must be absolutely delicious... Ah」

The moment when Ally was about put the sandwich-like food that I passed to her in her mouth, as if something had occurred, she stiffened with her mouth open.

「Something on your mind?」

「No, it is nothing. Fufu」

Ally relaxes her cheeks, and as she wanted to deceive me, she gulp down the bread.

I'm sure that she is up to something with that face.

What could be she planning?

When I was thinking, George stood up.

「Then, I'm full, let's slowly prepare for the night and go to sleep?」

「You're right—, now that I'm full I started to feel sleepy. Fuaa~」

Mimi stands up while making a big yawn.

In the end they have to get up the moment it's night, if they don't go to sleep soon, I have no doubt they will doze off at night.

It's also time for us to go towards the client's place.

If I'm not mistaken, the name is Risaharuna.

## Chapter 40: Vampire Sunori village

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「So you are the adventurers who received the request?」

「Yes, we heard about the blood sucking incident」

It's not big but the client lived in a well made house. The client lead us to a living like room, and then she serves us tea.

Speaking of the client, Risaharuna is a bit older than me, it has the mysterious feeling of a widow landlord.

「What I want to request of you is, the investigation of certain ruins in the east of the bald mountains」

「Bald mountains... Ah, so it's there」

「You know about it?」

「Yes, in my last request I went until the foot of the mountain. But at that time I didn't see anything similar to a ruins」

「It has to be because you saw it's in the opposite side of the slope looking it from Sunori. I want you to confirm that a vampire doesn't exist」

Oh, it came, it came, a vampire.

Eh, but, I have to prove that it doesn't exist?

「It seems that you are having doubts. But, I didn't say anything wrong. I believe that a vampire is not the criminal in this incident」

According to what Risaharuna explained, a splendidly mansion formerly existed in the ruins of the bald mountain with a vampire living in there, such legend was in Sunori.

But, since the place became a ruins, the story of a vampire living there began to circulate. Even so, it's not like something had happened until now.

She is right, it's a strange story.

If a vampire were living there, then a similar event might have

occurred before.

Besides, it's strange that it only started to live there after it became a ruin.

「Indeed, it makes no sense」

「Yes. In first place we don't know whether a vampire exists or not, but even if it exists, it was in the past. It's rational to think this incident has nothing to do with it. But, when a person is convinced once about such things, it start to exclude every other possibility, such are the stubborn person」

Risaharuna sighs as if she was astonished, then she began to stare me.

「Speaking about the other client who has gathered all the farmers, I want you go there and make him realize that something like a vampire doesn't exist」

「But would he believe me? It would be better if the person in question goes there?」

「He can't go due to fear. Because this time the victim was a person」

Indeed.

It's impossible for a person who thinks there is monsters to go there.

「Therefore, if you two come back safely, we will know that the vampire didn't exist or that it was defeated. One of these two results」

「And if we don't come back safely?」

「I will offer at least flowers」

Risaharuna looks towards the scarlet flower in the vase.

Please stop with your bad jokes.

But well, honestly I don't think it exist so there is no problem.

I wonder if the cause is something else?

「Assuming that the ruins are not the main cause, then I wonder what it could be? I wonder if it's okay to not to look for it?」

Rather, I'm now curious about it.

What could have happened since I left this place? What could be happening behind the scenes? It has aroused my curiosity.

「Naturally, I also want to know about it. It really save me troubles that you noticed it」

Risaharuna grins and lift the corners of her mouth.

A smile with a sense of not being afraid.

「I believe the ruins are related. There are undead and other monsters in that place. The miasma is thick. Therefore, there has to be a certain relation. I want you to bring whatever thing you are able to find that could become a clue. And I want you to inform me about whatever detailed information you get. This is my request」

「I understand. A variety of things to investigate. Please look forward to it」

「I appreciate it. You will find a basement when you go to examine the place, and I have also heard that there is a coffin in the interior of a certain room. I want you to cut down or break the coffin so to bring with you a recognizable part of it」

Ally and I nod.

But then, Ally opened her mouth.

「It is regrettable that there isn't a high probability for a vampire to appear. Even though I was curious about it. I wonder what kind of feeling you could get if your blood is sucked?」

「Are you interested?」

「Yes, a little. I have such nature that makes me have interest in rare things. Even if it is only a little, you do not want your blood to

be sucked, Eiji-sama?」

「Eh, no, I'm not interested...」

So there exist people like her that says such dangerous things.

Moreover, Ally's eyes are sparkling.

I'm glad that there isn't a vampire.

「Fuu. What an unusual adventurer. I will pray for you to be able to meet with a vampire」

「No, please you don't have to pray, really」

Risaharuna laughs again, and then she began to tell us the details about the place where the ruins are.

Ally and I left behind Risaharuna's house after she finished telling us all the details.

After that we began to choose the inn—This time we chose a considerable good inn. With bath attached.

I had Ally with me, the young lady, so I thought that I had better make some strenuous efforts in choosing, but it seems that she is not worried about such things.

She even said that it would have been okay to chose a cheaper one.

But even so she didn't gave the feeling of wanting to search for another, but I guess that it's because she is aware of the rare things I sold to Coru and the raw materials I got from the strong monsters in the labyrinth.

We know how warm are our pockets, mutually.

In addition, I have with me the 【Parasite・Gold】 skill.

It's only that there is something I'm curious about the 【Parasite・Gold】skill.

I can obtain money, but this money it's not from somebody, it's money that suddenly appears.

Speaking of money, it's probably that even in this world there is a certain amount of money made and circulating recognized.

However, the money made by my skill exceeds their program, money that it should not exist originally.

So I start thinking, it could not cause some type of impact if it enter into the market?

Although I say that, no one would be able to notice the small amount of extra money that flows in because of me, it wouldn't have any effect.

But perhaps it would be better to think before using this to create an amazing amount of money, I thought.

If a lot of money of unknown origin suddenly appears, it could be possible to influence the economy, but before that happens I could be put under suspicion.

Therefore, I don't plan to spend more money than what I'm able to obtain for the moment. For example, I will not bring out money even if it's for the search of the magic crystal not found yet. Of course, it would be okay if it's not much.

My daily life doesn't need so much money, and it's not like I would be suspected or wreak havoc the economy by spending money for the fare and the meal fee of the wagon. If I keep my daily cost like now, using the money in moderation, I would be able to live without worries.

For example, if it's to the extent of staying in a good inn in an occasional outing.

Hence, it is likely that I will not fall under any curse if I only use this amount, today I will permit me stay in this lovely inn with a garden and exterior.



# Chapter 41: Even In Another World It Continues To Be A Crime

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After securing an inn, Ally and I began to talk about tomorrow, we ate dinner and then each of us went towards our rooms to recharge our batteries.

「A ruin with a vampire who does not exist? But, it seems that there is something which is sucking blood」

The village at the other side of the windows has darkened completely.

It's already time for George and Mimi to start their work but I wonder if those two will be alright?

Being a bit worried, I changed my point of view to George using 【Parasite・Vision】.

What is projected is Mimi sitting while sheep, horses and pigs being driven away from a hurried made fortress enclosing a small range.

So this is the way they are going to protect them in the night, eh?

The field of vision sometimes shakes, looking around the surroundings.

But isn't able to find anything at all. For the moment, nothing is happening yet.

When I change to Mimi's point of view, it moves up and down slowly, she is dozing off.

Good grief, she is already half-asleep.

To see if something could happen to those two in the middle of their request, I used parasite.

This is one of the good points of being able to use parasite in this way. As expected, it's useful.

I look towards a shaman who was among the ones I had parasitized, I captured the right moment in which he was piercing a meatball with his fork. A very normal moment.

Next is Ally, I saw her arm extended. her clothes were forming a parabola shape.

The bare skin of her arm was exposed.

The clothes she wore today were being thrown.

Wa-wa-wa, this could be? Isn't she about to step into the bath?

The clothes safely entered into a basket.

Her happy-looking gaze shakes, but because she is looking ahead I can't see her body.

Suddenly, the view turns around to her back.

Beautiful curves around the shoulders and collarbone, white and smooth skin enters the field of vision, I saw the corner of a bulge expanding on the left end of the chest, This is—!

Even though I'm not close, I hold my breath instinctively.

This is amazing, it's amazing but, if she were only to see a little more to her lower right... Eh, what I'm saying! This is bad, I'm completely peeping, what I'm doing is not just a crime?

Completely ignorant of my shaking, Ally looks straight ahead, walking to the bathroom.

Because she is looking ahead I'm not able to see Ally's body right now, but now that she entered the bathroom, the moment she starts washing herself I'm sure I will be able to see her whole body.

However, it's not enough if I'm not able to see her face... No, if I don't release the skill...

Such things like losing to my lust and commit a crime, even a parasite has pride.

I will release my sk—Why I'm not able to do it?

Before I can make my determination, Ally continues advancing. At last she laid her hands on the door of the bathroom, opening it.

Just a little more, but I don't have any more time—Kuu!

「Haa... Haa」

Only the wall of the inn was projected in my view.

I was able to hold out until my very limit.

Was I able to finish without leaving the man's path?

Ah~ Why I didn't use the skill a bit later?

If I had used it the moment she was inside the bath, seeing her naked skin would have been an act of God. Then I would have had an excuse for myself.

I would have told myself that I didn't see it because I wanted, but because it was an accident so it couldn't be helped.

...Eh, that line of thought itself is comparatively bad.

After lying down on the bed I close my eyes and try to calm myself down, but it doesn't seem like the fleeting glimpse of the bare and tender skin I saw would disappear from the back of my eyelids so easily.

I ended up stuck worrying endlessly on my bed.

「Not good, I'm getting distracted!」

It doesn't seem like I would be able to sleep nor forget.

Let's for the moment think about tomorrow's plan. Yes, let's do that.

A blood sucking monster that is not a vampire, eh... That's right, let's try asking Rux.

If it's Rux, I'm sure she would know something. After all she is a goddess.

I got out of bed and used the skill 【Communication with God】.

In the same way as before, an image is projected in the air. This time Rux appeared normally—Lightly dressed as usual.

I forgot about it—But could be that this Goddess is the one who creates evil desires?

「Why are you with such appearance!」

「Suddenly abusing me!?!」

Noticing me, Rux looks raises her voice.

Then, she inflates her cheeks.

「Who was the one who called me suddenly, Eiji-kun? With what part of my appearance do you have problems, huh?」

Almost to the point of being near the screen, she draws near her face.

She moved back from the camera a little.

「What part, you said? Should I said that you are dressing lightly or perhaps that you are showing too much skin...」

When I started to get nervous saying such things, Rux who was with inflated cheeks, suddenly changes her expression to a malicious smile.

「I see, that kind of thing. Being said that by a pervert peeping tom is really something else」

「Wh-?」

Lost at words for a moment, I violently shake both hands, negating.

「What are you saying suddenly!?! A pervert, please don't say such baseless remarks」

「Baseless? You were not peeping something a while ago?」

「Wh-?」

Again I found myself at loss for words.

Right, Rux has God's Eyes with her.

It could be that perhaps she saw me in that moment?

「You are wrong, I was able to contain myself totally fine. Because I saw nothing but her collarbone」

「Ah, so you were seeing after all. What a pervert, Eiji is」

「Eh? After all you said... You deceived me!？」

「Though I was seeing you, it's not like I knew with whom you were using your skill, even myself. That you were moving strangely made me think that you were doing something suspicious, but as I expected, you were using that skill. Really, so Eiji also likes that sort of things」

Please stop smiling like you had found a comrade, since more or less I stopped myself. However, I thought for a moment how happy I would be if I hadn't stopped at that moment.

However, let's put aside that already. At any case I want to end this topic.

「I didn't contact you to talk about such things, let's finish, let's finish this talk!—I thought about asking you about vampires」

「Vampire?」

「Yes, I'm thinking about how to deal with the monster that is attacking this village. Although, not necessarily could be a vampire, it could be some different kind of blood sucking monster. Rux can use God's Eyes right? So, couldn't you disclose their true color with a glance?」

While twining her finger around the thin cloth that she is wearing, Rux swings her body to the right and left.

After displaying a behavior as if she were thinking about it for a moment, she shakes her head.

「I can't do that, that's something I can't do」

「Why? It's something difficult to do?」

「It's difficult. Even if I can see a place with my God's Eyes, it's only the place I want to see. If you tell me to look for something you don't even know where it is, then I would have to scan over all the world. It's not an impossible thing to do but, it would take a considerable amount of time」

Ah, that it's difficult.

It's an easy thing to do if you know the location of where the other party is staying among other things, but if you don't know even that, it would be difficult thing to do.

「Moreover, another thing, it's not good to involve me only because an incident is happening in one of the countless cities of man. It's unfair and it would be endless」

「I know, but don't say such petty thing. You even helped me」

「Don't say petty! I'm a goddess, you know? I should not be putting excessively my hand over things unrelated to me or the world. Eiji is special because it's something I did, but I'm unrelated this time. Being a spectator is the best」

Rux said with a serious face which he has the feeling of not having see it for awhile.

Ye~s, indeed, that sounds like a sound argument.

Though I'm talking as if this were not a big deal, but after all she is the God of this world. She might be right in not supporting specific places or a towns.

「I get it, you are right. Then, I will not ask you to go so far. But, it would be enough to at least teach me what kind of things could be hiding there, isn't that right? About the blood sucking monster. And then I will also teach you about that sort of legends about my world, so what do you say?」

Rux narrowed her eyes.

She looks at me while slowly swaying, then she nodded.

「Or should I say that is Eiji is the one who is interested in such things even if it's not related to the incident, I am right?」

So I was exposed?

Speaking of vampires, there is something that tickles me somewhere in my heart.

「However, if it's only that, then I don't have any problem at all. Even I have a little interest about what kind of story Eiji knows. Let's see, vampire, a giant leech, maxkera... Even in the range of things I know there is a considerable amount. Well, which should I start talking about?

# Chapter 42: In The Ruins

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## Part 1

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「They're okay even if bathed under the sunlight」

「That's right. Though it seems that their conditioning the evening is better」

Ruu and me was talking about bloodsucking is told the features of the vampire in this world. It seems that somehow they won't be instantly reduced to ash when bathed under the sun light.

「Thes, how about garlic and cross？」

「What is that？ Is that have something to do with vampire？」

「..... No, just forget it」

It have no effect huh.

Well, the cross is strange story similiar to that of garlic. I wonder what is the origin of that story？

「Even so, vampire extermination huh. It doesn't seems interesting somehow」

Ruu's bending her body toward the terminal.

I nodding while stepping back a little. Though we're not bumping at each other, we're almost at it.

「Though there's high possibility that it's not vampires. I can give a hand if you're interested in it. Well, I need to descend to the lower world」

「That'll be troublesome, so no. It's tiresome, so just read something or eat the offering in this place」

「..... I don't know that Ruu also have a talent as parasite」

「What？ Even if I'm look like this, I'm doing my job, sometimes. Well, since you say so, at least do your best to not dying, Eiji-kun.



Well then, see ya]

I stopped the skill to end the image of Ruu who's waving her hand while yawning.

Though I feel that I couldn't get the important information, well maybe that feeling just dissapeared. Well then, since I don't know whether it'll be snake or demon that'll coming out, I don't know what I must to do.

The next day, me and Ally's leaving the inn right in the morning as planned.

We're heading toward the ruin of Bald mountain.

Though we're attacked by monster along the way, your average monster isn't our opponent nowadays, we beat them with one hand.

And then, we're arrived at the ruin while the sun still high in the sky.

Stone pillar, hearth, part of roof, fragments of various colored glass, crumbling wall, stairs that broke in the middle —.

It's definitely a place that was befitting of a place to be called as "ruin".

No, it might even not enough to call it [ruin](#) anymore. Should I call it as ordinary wreckage?

[TL : The previous ruins using kanji [廃墟] which means ruin or abandoned building, while this ruins using kanji [ 残骸] which means ruins or wreckage]

「This, should be called wreckage right」

「Yes. It's not a mistake even the place is fitting that name.  
..... It's more tattered than our prediction」

「Yeah. Let's start with above ground ..... aand, as expected there's a need for that」

It's appearing at the greater imp from the shadow of the wall.

One thing or another, it might be a fairly powerful monster. It doesn't seem that it'll be easily sensed by anyone.

We're entering our battle stance and starting to investigate how to cut the greater imp right in half. We're focusing our mind to studying the monster.

Though we're studying it till the sun right above our head, we couldn't find anything suspicious. In the first place the thing was withering without leaving its former shape, as I thought, the building was considerably broken before reaching this state.

Judging from the part of the remained structure, the people who used to live was quite wise ..... Or should I say it's quite influence for vampire.

We found a doll that look like France doll or broken vase.

Though it doesn't seem to hold particular clue for this kind of people.

After we're investigating above ground plenty enough, we're looking for the entrance toward basement.

「I found it, Eiji-sama. It's just like Risaharuna-sama has said」

The place was around 10 metres in the north from behind the stairs.

Though it's covered with grass and dust, this place was covered with stone that seems heavy.

After we carefully moving it aside, a gaping wide hole appeared, the sun light is shining down toward the passage of the basement.

Yesterday, Risaharuna told us the detailed information about the ruin before we goes back.

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(——I'm also examining that ruins out of curiosity. Certainly, I

who's an ordinary person couldn't go to the place which become monster inhabitant. It was the information from document and my connection. Moreover, there's also precious document and ornament in the basement, the entrance is ..... ) (——As expected, it's bloodsucking village right ? ) She let out a sarcasm-like laugh.

She's a mysterious person whose train of thought couldn't be read.

The type that I like the most.

「Yosh, well then, Ally」

「Yes, Eiji-sama」

We're exchanging glance and nodding at the same time.

The stairs of the basement—— From here is the real game.

「Understood, I'll prepare the bento」

「.....EH ? 」

「It's bento you know, packed lunch. We can't fight if with empty stomach」

After choosing flat land, Ally quickly preparing the place and taking out a carpet from the space bag.

What a superb skill.

She made no mistake even at the long part where the adventurer passes.

I sit on the carpet and then taking out the portable food.

But, Ally stopped my hand.

「Please wait. I'm the one who will make the preparation today」

She then taking out many ingredients from the space bag that was packed between the bread.

It's sandwich.

「It's come to me yesterday. There's a lot of wonderful

ingredients in Snori, especially it's a long awaited adventure with Eiji-sama. That's why won't you let me to make the meal」

「Made by Ally, this」

「Yes. That's why please enjoy it」

## Part 2

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Ally spreading her hand as if showing-off her home made sandwich to me.

She's showing a very proud expression though.

This is happiness.

「Of course, let's dig in then. Well then, at once」

I bite the sandwich with egg and vegetable between it.

Eh ?

This is.

Something is weird.

.....It have no flavour.

Let's try one more bite.

Yup, it have no flavour.

When I'm asking at Ally face, she's looking at me with both hand joining together with sparkling eyes.

What should I do, [she's really expecting my impression.](#)

[TL : Believe me, clumsy wife who can't cook is the best ONLY in your IMAGINATION!!!, Just imagine that you got Himeji from Baka to Test as your wife]

「E~h, right, the flavor of the texture is superb. You eat too Ally」

「Well then, itadakimasune..... Eh? This, have no flavor?」

It seems that she's somehow noticed it by herself.

She's knitting her eyebrows in surprise.

「Ally, this flavor is ? 」

「There's abundant of rare ingredients in Sunori, that's why I'm thinking of enjoying the taste of raw material, and nothing else」

No, isn't that a way too much raw ingredients.

Because there's almost no flavor in it.

「So, Ally is thinking of making the flavoring by making the best use of the flavor of the raw ingredients or something like that」

「Is that so!? I, I completely didn't know since I never really cook. Eiji-sama also knowledgeable about that area huh. There's still so much I need to learn」

Maybe it's not just me who know it, everyone know it. I get feeling just like looking at something like rare boxed princess of nobility.

So Ally was hopeless in cooking .....

「Please teach me next time since I'll make it delicious. And then, I'll make something delicious for Eiji-sama to eat」

Ally eyes that was looking at me, filled with fighting spirit.

But you know, even I can say that I'm yet to reach the level of retailing my knowledge. I wonder if there's someone out there with cooking class.

In any case, the taste is with only not just the flavor of the raw ingredients, aren't we lucky since we're fortunate that she didn't give too much flavoring? It's something that we could finished by strengthening our heart.

And then we're back at the basement passage.

Since this basement is completely engulfed in darkness, I used the lamp magic.

It's really great if we have no fire, the intensity of the light is also

great.

Though the corridor is made of sturdy stone, each and every sound of our footsteps is echoing repeatedly inside.

「It's very different from above the ground right, the condition is still pretty good」

「The condition is different since it's not exposed to wind and rain. So this is what left」

「Yes. As expected」

Since even something like ancient tomb will keep it's beauty even after more than thousands years if there's no open air entering it. The erosion is efficient worker you know.

After advancing for a while, something like heavy door appearing on my right.

We're pushing the door with caution.

The door is opened while producing “gigi” sound at it's joint.

Both of us entering inside.

But, there's basically nothing inside this room.

「There's nothing here. The room is empty」

「Yeah. .... No, wait a minute. Didn't you hear something? 」

「EH? .... This is like the sound of scratching something, right」

In that moment, the door was shut with huge sound.

We're turning our head at the same time.

「Did you touch the door? Ally? 」

「No, it's not me. How about you, Eiji-sama? 」

「I didn't touch it too. Why did it suddenly」

The light of the lamo is starting to flickering.

The shadow and light projecting on the wall is undulating, sometimes it's become darker or brighter.

As if completely ridiculing us.

「Eiji-sama. Somehow I got this extremely unpleasant premonition」

「Me too—— the sound have returned and become more violent」

Suddenly The scratching sound is resounding again with rhythm——.

# Chapter 43: The Basement Of The Ruin Isn't Enjoyable At All!!

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“Anyway, let's leave the room.”

“Yes!”

We quickly opened the door and leaving to the corridor.

The scratching sound vanished after we left the room, the light of the lamp also became stable.

We're not encountering abnormality in the corridor.

“Maybe the problem was that room.”

“Maybe. Maybe.....perhaps, something is in there.”

Both of us couldn't tell what that something is.

After a silent agreement, we decided to forget the room that we entered just now.

After advancing for a while, we found lattice on our left side.

The interior is like that of a prison with French doll-like figures in it, their bodies also what you call sitting properly. Their fake blue glass marble eyes were shining beautifully under the illumination of the lamp.

But, what made it even more ominous was the fact that all of them were looking towards us.

We quickly averted our line of sight; it feels like that the moment we tried to touch the door at the opposite side of the lattice, something will move when we're turning to look behind.

“.....Could that just be my imagination?”

Especially when there's no change at all.

Right? It's just maybe right? The dolls are not moving at all.

“Did you do something, Eiji-sama.”



“No, I didn’t do anything you know. Let’s examine the room over there.”

“Yeah. Let’s enter it quickly.”

I also entered the room, following Ally who was entering it quickly.

This room wasn’t empty.

There is a chair, desk, and a shelf; there’s pots that are lining up on the shelf–[karikari](#).

[TL : SFX for scratching sound]

“S-Something is making a strange noise from inside the pot, Eiji-sama.”

“D-Don’t worry. W-We’ll beat the monster.”

“Y-You’re right. That’s certainly right.”

While telling myself that, we tried to look into the pot slowly.

A centipede showed it’s face from inside the pot.

“.....Haah. Please stop scaring me like that.”

Ally pat her chest while releasing a long relieved sigh.

Then she quickly grabbed the centipede and throwing it aside off the shelf.

“Don’t hinder us since we’re gonna be exploring for a while.”

Then, Ally examined the pot.

She kept her cool against the insect huh.

Though I decided to investigate the drawer of the desk in the meantime, it seems I caught something that can’t be pulled out more than half.

I was thrusting my hand inside and groping around and didn’t found anything.

Oh, there’s something.

Something that feels silky and small is touching my hand.

Well then, let's see what's inside this drawer.

Extremely long hair was coiled around my hand.

“HIIIIIIIII ! ”

Ally is rushing toward me, while I am shrieking away “What’s the matter, Eiji-sama..... Hair!? N-NO, DON’T COME TOWARDS ME”

Ally is trying to run away from the hair that was coiled on my hand.

That’s cruel; please get it off from me.

“Kusukusukusu——”

“Laughter ! ”

“Kusukusukusu——”

“It’s the voice of someone crying ! ”

It’s not the time for investigating the room anymore.

We hurriedly ran towards the door. We’re leaving to the corridor while somehow untangling the hair.

“E-Eiji-sama.....”

“GAH”

Ally was pointing at the lattice with a trembling hand.

Though I expected to see the doll in that place, they’re not there anymore.

I’ve had enough of this; I want to return quickly.

——But.

When returning, I’ll be too ashamed to Risa Haruna if I was reporting my resignation to the mission since I’m too scared of ghosts. I mean I have a pride around the size of broad beans. Even a rat will bite back when they’re cornered.

As if I'm trying to persuading myself, I say to Ally.

"It's okay Ally. The dolls just disappeared"

"Though you said that, it's not simply disappeared you know."

"It's scary if it's suddenly appeared but, it's no harm if it's gone, right?"

".....Yes! That's true. Returning just because of that is a shame of an adventurer, right"

"Yeah. Let's go; we're going, definitely"

"Yes. Let's go. Definitely Going. Surely going"

We're advancing by sheer will.

Slowly and carefully with our shoulders sticking to each other.

"Please don't let the dolls appear..... Please don't let the dolls to appear....."

Ally's hand was tightly gripping on the sleeve of my shirt while murmuring those words.

Is she that scared of those dolls?

I received greater damage from the hair, though.

Let's talk to her to try to distract her from the fear.

"Say Ally, are you weak against the dolls?"

Ally suddenly ceased to walk.

Ah, so she is.

Ally is slowly looking at me, the link to her ponytail is trembling slightly.

Then, after hesitating for a while, she spoke.

"There was a lot of dolls in my house due to my mother's hobby."

"Your house was a noble house huh. So she's gathering a lot of cute dolls right."

As expected of the little sister of Cole Eunus, Ally's mother.

The spirit of a collector is inherited by her.

"Perhaps, I think it was of good quality. But, the reason why I'm scared. They're completely human-like."

"Ah, I know your feeling. I also won't be able to calm myself if I'm looking at such dolls in the room."

"Right ! .....My apologies, I'm too excited. Many of those dolls also placed in the corridor. A lot of them lining up side-by-side in the display case. Those dolls that lining up in the interior of the lattice from before are always staring at the people who walk in the corridor."

"That's a little scary. Moreover, since it's a corridor, we absolutely won't be able to escape if it comes to life."

Ally who agreed with my words fell into a brief silence.

Her gaze swimming left and right as if hesitating, then strongly clutching her hand in front of her chest.

Though she did that for a while, she then taking a deep breath as if decided in something and opened her mouth again.

"Then, it was during a certain night——"

# Chapter 44: Scratch And Coffin

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As if resolving on something, Ally started to tell me about her fear of dolls.

“When I was a child, I woke up in the midnight. I decided to go to the toilet; those dolls came into my sight. Under the illumination of the lamp, without talking and keeping my gaze at it, it then stared at me while letting out a short laugh. I-My body completely paralyzed——After that, I genuinely feared the dolls.”

Ally’s head was hanging down in silence.

Thinking logically after that flow of the story.

“Are you scared and then leaked out ? ”

“Please do not say it ! Please don’t make any assumptions if you didn’t hear it from directly from the person herself”

Ally’s blaming me with a flushed face and her head hanging down due to embarrassment.

“Ah, I see. My bad. My bad. I know what it feels like. Even so, it’s alright since I don’t mind about it. If it’s during childhood, I also experienced something like that.”

“Uuu..... This is why I can’t handle the dolls. It’ll cause the unpleasant memories of that time resurfacing again. That’s why Eiji-sama, let’s leave this place. Please, if those dolls do show up again.”

“Eeeh ! What about me!?”

“Please. I’m truly ashamed of the memory of the story at that time. If we fail, we’ll be lost to shame.”

“No, even if you say that, it’s just a story that’s convenient for your sake.”

“No way.....Even if I’m just a useless noble girl, I’m still feeling bitter in my heart towards that kind of story. Since I’ve confessed

to the point of embarrassing myself, you just conveniently using it as you please despite knowing it, Eiji-sama.”

Ally’s pleading to me with teary eyes while grasping my arm.

Though I want to say the same thing to her too. Well, I guess that it can’t be helped if she’s going that far. Even so, more than, the current situation included, the always nonchalant Ally’s tickling my inner sadism when she’s like this.

“AH, THERE’S A DOLL OVER THERE”

“EH!?”

“It’s a joke, a joke——Ally-san?”

Ally whole body was shivering.

She got over her shivering and got angry.

“Gnome-sama! Use your earth hammer of fury on this man!”

“Whaa, Time out! Sorry, I’m just too excited! I’m sorry! Okay okay, after you forgiving me, I’ll protect you from the doll.”

The rock hammer that was growing out from the ground was stopped at the last moment right before my eyes.

Ha~, that was close.

I’ve overdone it, that’s super close call.

“Geez, Eiji-sama, even I can get really angry you know.”

“No, I’m reflecting on it, I’ve overdone it——”

PAN!

In my ears that were currently prostrating myself while apologizing to her, I heard the sound of something exploding from behind.

We’re solidified like a stone statue.

“Uhm, there was a sound from behind.”

“Uhm, if you’re anxious you can look behind, Ally.”

“No, You should be the one to look behind us.”

“It won’t end if we keep bickering like this, let’s turn with Se~no”

[TL: One, two,..... in Japan]

“That’s right. Together with Se~no then”

“Se~no ! .”

“Se~no ! .”

.....

Both of us were still facing to the front without turning back.

“Why didn’t you turn, Eiji-sama ! .”

“You too, it’s just me who’s confirming who’s going to turn ! ”

“I-I just messed up a bit with the timing. You’re also doing that right ! .”

A human will become an ugly creature in front of fear.

We’re an ugly creature for giving up on our duty.

But, we’ll be confirming it together now.

“Se~no.”

We turned to our back together this time.

There’s one doll at that place.

“As I thought ! ”

“I-It’s okay. I will be following my promise——That’s right, we’re avoiding disaster if it’s just one.”

I’m taking one step in front of Ally who already stepped back.

At that time, the light of the lamp is as if interrupting, was casting a slight shadow behind the doll.

Then, we saw it.

In that place, greeting us together is the dolls who are laughing

while shedding rivers of blood from its eyes, armor, and helmet, and will-o'-the-wisp's that are floating in the air.

“HIIIIIIIIIIII ! ”

Words are already unnecessary for us.

We're using every bit of our power to escape.

We've no space left to be thinking about something like shame or commission.

The passage we're using is bending to the right; A double door appeared at the end of passage.

One knight armor is opening that door while standing on its right side as if protecting it, we've no time to be hesitating and immediately jumped into that opening “Haa.....Haa.....Haa.....”

“Look, a coffin.”

“Yeah.”

Inside of the room that we finally entered, was a coffin.

A wine red colored coffin that is giving a loud sign of being enshrined as it's positioned at the center of the room, there's also a stone shelf alongside the wall.

“This is the coffin that was mentioned by RisaHaruna-San, right.”

“Undoubtedly. Judging from its appearance, it's just an ordinary coffin right.”

Certainly, it just an ordinary big coffin.

Though when I'm looking at the surrounding, there's no particular change in this room.

The shelf, brooch or shield, the dry scroll, cup and water jug, withering flower, there's something that looks like an open crevice but, I don't feel any abnormality from all of them.

“Let's just remove the cover of the coffin, or that's what I want



but, it's impossible right."

"If Ally is okay, I'll follow too."

"I'm not okay with it. Should we just return without looking what inside"

"It is, isn't it. We came to this place with a desperate feeling."

We're standing on both sides of the coffin and placing our hand on the lid.

Then, opening the coffin at the same time.

".....There's nothing in it?"

But, there's nothing inside the coffin.

Maybe what was in it was catching a breath when the lid opened.

"Eiji-sama, this."

Ally was staring, at the lid.

Countless stabs and incisions are etched on the backside of the top.

It seems someone was in this coffin.

Though if it's just normal since anyone will act violently when they're inside right?

The reason is, is that it might be trying to escape, right?.

Then, what'll happen after leaving, now I feel uneasy when thinking what'll it do when it leaves.

Since it won't go further even if I think about it just by looking at the coffin, Though I'm examining around the room with Ally, there's nothing like a hint.

Since RisaHaruna seems to be well-informed about the ruin, I decided to ask about it when reporting to her.

We're taking the things that appear to have some value on the shelf, and then cutting one part of the coffin; we've safely collected

a wine red chip.

# Chapter 45: [The Way Back is.....]

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## Part 1

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We complete the task after finding the coffin.

Next is just return ba——ck.

“It seems, we have no choice but to go through that place again right”

That’s right, that monsters is in the passage

We want to go back but we can’t.

Ally is staring at me with the look as if depending on me.

She’s saying with her eyes that she didn’t want to goes back today.

Her nuance is not completely wrong though.

Well, what should I do then.

After thinking for a while, I nodded back at Ally.

I have an idea. I know that this is the best idea.

“Ally, there’s spirit in the ghost”

“I wonder why it turn like that ? ”

“It’s spirit you know. Ally didn’t want to see the dolls again right”

“Yes. It’s embarrassing story but.....”

“If it’s the case, I want you to use loud spirit magic while closing your eyes. Even if the ghost kicking around, it’ll be okay if you shut your ears with sound magic. If you didn’t notice them, they’re not scary. Because they’re not exist”

Though it might be scary even if I say that I don’t know at all but, it seems that there’s similar measure by continuously looking at one’s own feet when one’s feel unpleasant in the haunted house.

The weak people just passing by and pretending that they're not noticing it. I call this, worldly wisdom.

Ally expression is, as if taking aback.

“That’s right, in that case—— But, I won’t walk on the front”

“I’ll pull you. You won’t lost on your way if you hold my hand”

“Eiji-sama? Is that okay? I mean, Eiji-sama’s walking on the front”

“It’s okay it’s okay, for one or two ghost”

Though I’m not really okay, the parasite called Ally who wasting due to her ashamed story is out of gas.

Moreover, if it’s spirit, it giving the air of an existance higher than the ghost, so the ghost might be vanished.

“Let’s go, the unpleasant thing is stopped moving due to hesitation if we stopped on our place”

“.....Yes. Thank you very much”

Ally is closed her eyes as she takes my hand.

And then I open the door and leaving to the passage.

That guy didn’t come yet.

I’m walking forward and giving a signal to Ally when I see them in front.

The gnome summoned by Ally is rapidly advancing forward in the form of earth ball.

It made a loud sound as it colliding with walls, clout of sand’s fluttering around.

It’s limiting the sense of hearing and the sense of sight.

Thanks to that, they’re hardly notice the ghost.

## Part 2

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「Walk a little faster, Ally」

Ally's grasping my arm while sticking to my body.

She won't attack me if we're separated and she's scared right.

We're walking at quick pace.

Though I have this feeling that I see a shadow of something fluttering, it's vanished just right before I confirmed it.

Though I feel that I hear something moaning, I couldn't get it as it's erased by the grinding sound between the stone.

Now, the greatest fear of seeing it is scarier that can't see it.

It seems my idea's perfectly executed.

We could easily arrived at the exit gate.

Yosh, just a bit mo——Re.

As if a last barrier, the dolls are looking at me on the ground.

It'll shed bloody tears at any moment, it's hair will grow, and then laughing loud and sound.

「I won't stop, I WON'T STOOOP」

I won't be able to move if I stop my leg even once.

I'm averting my eyes and taking some distance as if trying to slip along the wall and then escaping to the side.

The dolls was unexpectedly didn't do any kind of movement or action.

We're arriving at the exit gate while I'm still surprised.

I'm opening the gate and give a sign to Ally to open her eyes.

The setting sun is shining down below to the passage.

The wind is blowing through.

I inhaling the fresh air to the brim which is free of moldy smell of underground passage.

「Ahaha, it's a miracle that we're returning alive」

「Thank you very much, Eiji-sama. I won't returning alive if I goes alone」

「You're exaggerating」

「I'm not exaggerating. I mean, if it's me alone, I won't be able to move from that room」

Ally's locked her hand tightly on my arms as she smiling with teary eyes.

Maybe because she held her fear a bit huh.

「As I thought, Eiji-sama is kind right」

「Nope, I don't think that I'm especially kind you know」

「Nope. Even though it's just my own opinion, please consider my feeling. Even before, you're walking toward the death without looking back when I'm in danger. In addition, you gained the trust of Mimi-sama and George-sama when we was going to Snori, it's surely because of your firm personality. There's no way that a mistake」

「As expected, maybe I shouldn't raise it too much」

「If you think so, that's just natural for Eiji-sama to do that if you think that we're precious person to you right. It's even more wonderful」

Ally said that while staring intently at my face.

As if insisting that she's being serious with her words.

Or should I say that this is the result of that time, I'm not thinking it too deeply though.

Though it seems that she won't listen to my words at all.

「If you think so, then Ally is right. I mean there's a saying that how to looking at human is just like looking at mirror. Even so, thank you. I'll gladly receiving your praise. Well, let's leave this

place for good and goes back to Snori」

「Yes!」

## Part 3

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And then, we're starting to go back but, Ally didn't let go of my hand till we're reaching the village, though she no longer locking on my arms, she keep holding my hand.

Look there, it seems she still considerably scared though we already left the ruin. When I'm thinking of such things while looking at her face from the side, Ally's turning her face to me with relaxed and happy face.

Somehow there's no fear left on her face. As I thought, what happen in Ally head is difficult for me to understand.

「Nevertheless, this is the first time I'm scared after coming to Laurel. Snori village is awesome right」

Returning from the ruin, Ally is muttering while chewing her gums as we descending from the bald mountain toward Snori village.

I nodding while looking at the mountain that became red after being illuminated by sunset.

「Really, what the heck was that. Though I'm okay with monster, that sort of think is come at the end」

「It's really different. I'm okay as long as that is something like vampire or ogre」

Though even I feel that it's strange when I think it carefully, a monster appearing is actually better.

I can say that human psychology is strange.

「Come to think of it, I just said it after I come to Laurel but, where was Ally before that? Where are you come from? 」

「I'm originally from Neman. Do you know about it? 」

This is the first time I heard about it.

So I shake my head.

「Neman is a city located in the eastern part of Rain kingdom. It's size is a little bigger than Lorel. There's various yield of mineral in that area. Though My mother is the little sister of Kohl Eunus whose origin is Lorel, dear uncle——Married her to that Duo house of Neman Laurel and Neman, each respectively in eastern and northern part of Rain kingdom, it's not to the level to calling it far away but, since it's not that close either, I rarely coming」

Neman city of Rain kingdom huh.

Naturally, Snori also part of Rain kingdom. I see, maybe I might go soon to a place other than Snori or Laurel.

Even so, it look like quite painful to come till that place with that carriage.

I'm quite satisfied with my desire for journey with the current distance, so I'll stay in Laurel till I've enough of it.

「Then, you're usually in Neman city」

「That's right. Most of the time but, there's also a lot of time when I'm going to another city as adventurer. Except in Laurel」

「He~. So you're allowed to do as you pleases」

「At first, they're so fussy about it but, they giving up lately. For the time being, it seems the reason to gain even more power when something was happening to the city or country is accepted as a reason. Though they're aware of my real intention」

Ally is saying that with a bit serious tone while laughing with impish face while.

Part 4

「But, if there really was something, I won't make a lie and return



immediately to Neman and Rain to protect it. Of course, Laurel too. ....By the way, how about you Eiji-sama? 」

「EH? What do you say? 」

「Is Eiji-sama someone of this vicinity」

「Nope, I'm different, it's better to say that I'm not from this vicinity, my origin is different」

「Is that so. Which direction are you come from?」

Uuh.

I'm troubled in how to tell her.

Maybe Ally is really curious, or she might be asking as a basic of courtesy but, that's wrong, as I thought the color of curiosity appearing in her eyes.

At any rate, this troubled me. What should I say to her.

Should I say something that didn't seems as the truth.....

Ah, that's right, didn't Ruu has said it just right to lure her.

「Uhm, I come from a place called Jaza」

「Jaza? .....My apologize, I couldn't tell anymore due to limited information. Though I think that it's a far distant place」

「Yes, that's plenty. How shouldI say, far distant. It's a bustling and lively place with many big building」

「Hee, going from far distant place till this place, you must be a pre born traveller」

If I must say, it's the exact opposite though.

But, she somehow deceived. Because the human of this world never thin as far as the existance of something like another world, so it's just natural.

Here is Holm, over there is Jaza. The goddess Ruu have said that I was allowed to use the name of my former world when

summoned by Ruu.

When you telling a lie, it'll lost it's consistency afterward if you being careless and forgetting what lie you tell.

That's why, when deceiving, it's not a lie but, it's also better if you're not telling something you poor at.

That's why the name Jaza is just right.

Maybe there'll be a bit uncomfortable feeling remained since I'm using the name of the goddess of this world.

We're arrived safely until Snori village while talking about such things.

Since the sky has become completely dark at that moment, we decided to report tomorrow and rest for the day.

We already have the best proof.

They're going to the inn and parting toward each other room.

「Just like Eiji-sama, I'll also overcome the ghost with courage. Good night」, thus Ally was returning to her own room after saying that.

I also returned to my room and dived on the bed.

Ha~.....My heart finally at ease.

When I think slowly, I immediately attacked by drowsiness and closed my eyes.

Kon, Kon.

Kon, Kon.

I jumped out from the bed.

I suddenly heard a sound in the middle of night.

「What the..... Who's knocking the door at this time」

After being surprised, I opened the door while mumbling my usual line.

On that place was the form of Ally in her sleep wear.

「What's matter, Ally」

When I asked that, her lips slightly opened while averting her face from me as if being embarrassed.

「Uhm..... Will you kindly to escort me..... To the toilet」

The conquest is far.

# Chapter 46: [Maybe It's Called Ineffective Effect]

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## Part 1

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The next morning after we went to the ruin.

I woke up a little earlier and headed towards the public bathhouse.

Since I won't fall asleep in the bath even if I'm tired, I thought that I might take a morning bath. Ally got hold of a certain information that there's a bathhouse in this Snori.

She then decided to try the bath house of this village since it's the first time.

Since there's no mixed bath, the entrance to the bathhouse is different with Ally.

The design of the interior was mainly similiar with the one in Laurel. In short, it might be made with the one in Laurel as reference.

There are several bathrooms and dressing rooms and several variants of hot water are being prepared.

The wall is giving off high class vibe with tiles-like polished dark stone.

Nevertheless, whether it's the one in Laurel or here, I can say that the people of this country truly love to bath. Ha~ah, what a relief.

「You. It's been awhile huh.」

After I washed my body and just immersed myself in the most spacious bath tub, a voice called to me from behind.

This voice——No way.

「Phillipe, why're you in this kind of place?」

On that place was the magic tools maker, Phillipe.

Why're you in this place too.....

「Why? Is there any reason except from entering the bath tub」

Phillipe answering buntly while combing his red colored wet hair upward.

I am a bit somewhat angry at him who became quite handsome with that.

「By the way, it's not something like that, I want to know the reason why there's no bathtub in Snori.」

「Ah, so it's about that huh. If it's you, you'll know when you arrived to this place.」

「Arrived!?!」

「Yeah. I know about the request you received, the inn you are staying at, and the store you stop by.」

So scary!

This person is bad news.

「No, it's scary but I don't want being followed by someone.」

「Even if you say that. What's the secret to bringing back such raw material, where you get such goods supplied from? It was for the sake of investigating that. Since the magic tools that I make from now on will become more interesting if I know about that. That's why I'm interested in your action.」

I see, the action of a pro craftsman[artisan] —— is too mysterious.

I almost told him to stop that if he didn't give explanation before.

Pro craftsman..... Come to think of it, could it be that Phillipe belongs to some sort of class?

If I have some sort of craftsman type class, I might be able to make something simple by myself if I learn that.

I making use of the parasite and somehow attached it to Phillipe.

The information that was passed to me by Parasite Info is 【Magician 25】.

Magician huh. Though it does have some sort of relationship with magic tools, it's not a class that I didn't have.

Even if the level is high.

Maybe he does something like gathering the raw material in a place which has monsters by himself.

## Part 2

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When I change my line of thought and start to look at him, Phillipe does have a big and brawny body.

Though one will think that his class isn't physical type when they hear magician, even his neck is full with muscle.

「What's the matter？」

「Nothing, let's just say that somehow Phillipe is splendidly against the image of the one who makes magic tools.」

「Making magic tools involves a considerable amount of physical labour. There is also a lot of rough and unrefined work present behind the delicate work.」

As expected, maybe I can say that there is several such things in the society.

When I think about such things, that lump of muscle enters the bath next to me.

The hot water from the bathtub is overflowing and spilling on the floor.

「You have come too huh, Eiji.」

George apparently has come too after finishing with the night request.

After groaning due to the good feeling, he is greeting with a hearty voice.

「Taking a bath after finishing a request is the best, hahaha! How about you? 」

「Hou, an adventurer of your acquaintance? My name is Phillipe. A magic tools maker. If you're acquainted with this fellow, didn't he carry something like rare raw material of magic tools? 」

「N? Phillipe? Oh, it seems there is nothing like that. Magic tools shop——」

George and Phillipe started a conversation with me between them.

It seems it'll become a long bath.

I, who left the bath when I felt the blood raising to my head, is meeting with Ally, and then returning to RisaHaruna's place, the client who commissioned for the investigation of blood sucking incident.

We're going to briefly reporting about the ruin.

「That's why, the coffin was safely discovered. This is the fragment of the coffin.」

「Certainly, it's appears to be that. How was it? Your impression about the ruin.」

Just like in the beginning, we're reporting while served with tea.

While hearing our story with great interest, RisaHaruna, who asks questions once in awhile, is looking at the fragment of the coffin from various angles.

「The psychic phenomenon was truly a disaster. It's scarier than monsters in some way.」

「Ghost huh, it might be the deed of the poltergeist. I'm more surprised that it can make a sound, though bottom of the lowest class monsters can't harm the human, it seems I really made light of it, right?」

RisaHaruna laughs with “Kukuku”.

Ally and myself exchanged glances with complicated expressions.

Though we had drown into that level of panic, when it's true nature was something like the bottom most rank monster, there'll be this kind of terrible sense of defeat.

「Though it was truly a disaster, what is the content of the coffin?」

「It's empty. There's nothing in it.」

「Empty? .....Did you noticed something else?」

「That's right, we noticed that there's a scratch on the lid of the coffin.」

「On the lid of the coffin? Will you tell me more about it?」

「There are countless scratches on the inner part of the lid as if it was made by something, but since there's nothing inside, we think that it might be scratches made quite some time before.」

### Part 3

When RisaHaruna's heard my words, she frowned while smiling and started to ponder about something.

Placing her hand on her lips, she is thinking about something with her head hanging down like a detective.

「I see. I knew it, thank you very much.」

A short while later, she slowly raises her face as if nothing happened.

「Is there something wrong?」

「It's nothing, I am just a little worried about that coffin. Though



it seems an investigation is needed afterward, the commission that I gave to both of you has been completed. Both of you mustn't go to the ruin again.」

「I see. Though I'm worrying about something in there, it's just an act of unrelated monster to vampire since there's really nothing in there.」

「Yeah——Maybe. At any rate, my commission is completed with this, since I could confirm that there's really nothing in that place. Don't show such a worried face. If you're that worried, feel free to investigate. I have no right to blame you for that. I'll be really happy if everyone goes as a volunteer.」

RisaHaruna is raising the corner of her lips while making such a joke.

I can see that as befitting of her age.

We also laughed and then we finished the commission by receiving her sign at the end of the document.

Though it certainly is weighing in my mind, it seems there's really nothing in there if RisaHaruna said so.

This request is finished with this commission.

Even so, there's something that is weighing in my mind.

About how RisaHaruna is truly well-informed about the Vampire ruin right.

Though she said that she is investigating about it, I wonder why a normal villager is examining to that kind of detailed information.

Though it's not like that I don't know the reason if she's an adventurer—— Maybe it's a pattern like “She is a former adventurer who is currently retired”.

While RisaHaruna and Ally doing a handshake as an etiquette after finished a comission.

It seems to be my turn next, the timing is just right, so I decided

to plant a parasite to investigate RisaHaruna.

I invoke my skill and, seize RisaHaruna's white ha——nd, eh ?

What was, that ?

「What's matter, Eiji. Are you that reluctant to part way ? 」

「Ah, N-No, I'm sorry.」

To Risa Haruna's voice, who seemingly is teasing me that I didn't want to release her hand no matter what, I released her hand in panic.

And then, I left Risa Haruna's house along with Ally who's smiling as if it's funny.

But, on the way back to the inn, I'm not laughing at all.

I couldn't latch the parasite.

When I used the parasite skill on RisaHaruna, she did not give any feedback at all.

That is just like the time when I latched it on a plant, an animal, or a monster.

If you think about it, it was strange.

The commission to confirm that there's no Vampire.

How can in such an unknown investigation, she can come up with awfully precise details about the place where the vampire lived?

Don't tell me, RisaHaruna is, she is—— a vampire.

Because we're going to do a little sightseeing in Snori, we decided to stay in Snori for the day.

I slipped out of the inn in the midnight.

「.....Don't tell me she really will leave.」

My destination is, RisaHaruna house.

When I'm lying in wait under cover, RisaHaruna was coming out

of her house.

After looking at her who is checking the surrounding, she starts walking towards somewhere.

**【Stealth Step】**

I invoked a skill to erase all kind of signs when walking, and started to stalk her.

# Chapter 47: [Red Night]

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## Part 1

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Snori village. Late at night, I'm tailing RisaHaruna.

Though I am not able blend with the crowd, I can trail her from behind thanks to this skill that is erasing my presence.

While I'm following after her, holding my breath and feeling the peaceful atmosphere in the vicinity, RisaHaruna leaves the edge of the village and walks to the side of the livestock.

Because of the lack of space for sheltering the manpower to protect the entirety of livestock, it seems only the important portions of it is being guarded by Georg-tachi.

Thus the rest are left over, and RisaHaruna is walking toward the left over livestock.

I'm gulping as the distance shortened bit by bit.

When I strain my eyes to look into the darkness, I saw the form of a monster from outside the village.

Both sides are approaching the livestock as if it was a pincer attack.

As I thought, this is——.

They kicked the ground at the same time, and RisaHaruna raised her hand overhead. And then, the monster that had come——an ogre, raised its club overhead.

In the next moment, RisaHaruna hit the ogre who's rushing to the livestock.

「EH?」

I, who almost jumped at the vicinity, can't help but let out a stupefied sound.

「You—— What are you doing in this place?」

RisaHaruna looked back at me with wrinkled eyebrows.

CRAP!!

As expected, I'll be exposed even if I'm using the skill if our distance is this close.

Even so, I think this might be okay.

I mean, RisaHaruna is protecting the livestock from the moster just now.

I decided to tell the truth, with the exception of my ability of course.

「When I was taking a stroll in the night, I saw RisaHarua-san, I felt it was rather strange, so I started following you from behind.」

「In short, you thought that I was the culprit of the blood sucking incident, right?」

「EH? No, going as far as that is.....」

「You're not very good at lying. Same with me.」

RisaHaruna raised the edge of her lips as she showed a pretty smile with her back facing the moon. I was fascinated for a moment, that current state of her is cold, bewitching, and lovely to an astonishing degree.

「Yes, I thought that you might have some connection to it, so I was tailing you with that suspicion. Even so, I saw what RisaHaruna-san does in this place was the exact opposite. Even so, you're not a normal human. I'm sure about that fact. Tell me, what kind of person are you?」

Geez, it's better to say it right.

It'll be exposed anyway.

「What do you think I am?」

「.....Vampire」

「Correct!」

RisaHaruna was laughing as she displayed her canine.

If she didn't say it, there is almost no way to find a difference between her and a human.

## Part 2

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「Even so, how did you see through my disguise? 」

「I have some sort of petty skill, that's how I questioned whether you are a human. RisaHaruna-san, you're not a human. But, I can't guess whether you're a monster or an animal」

「I see, even I didn't know that there is that kind of a skill. Seeing something like this is wonderful for the one who lived a long life」

RisaHaruna is approaching me.

The livestock escaped.

The ogre who was blown off is fallen on the ground and still unconscious. Such amazing muscle strength.

What will happen if she hit me?

「Why are you hiding your identity in the village? 」

「Nothing, it's not like I was thinking of sucking the blood of the villagers. Though it's not a reason, the biggest factor is just curiosity.」

「Curiosity? For that reason? 」

「Though it might be hard to understand for a human like you, my time is limitless. Something that I didn't do seriously won't cause terrible wounds even if it fails. I have no need for doing something hurriedly. It's not difficult to associate with humans for fun, thus I was moving to various place for years while pretending to be a human and abandoning that ruin, that's why I'm back to this place again.」

I see.

Which means that she's reclaiming whatever was left, so

envious.

「That's why I had to live as a human for that request. Maybe I'm quite lucky for predicting that there might be a vampire which used to live in this village before. Though I naturally know something about events that happened at those days and had reached its lifespan a long time ago, but because it is caused by a vampire, there is a possibility that I'll be doubting myself alone.」

That was why she wanted a proof that “Vampire does not exist”.

It might be linked together if you're looking into that abandoned ruin. It seems she's forestalling for something that didn't exist while looking for outsiders.

It's not too late even if she investigated the true reason later.

「That detailed matter aside, I understand your reason. Even so, there's one thing that I don't understand. Why is RisaHaruna-san in this plac——」

「AGAAAAAAAAAAAAA ! 」

I suddenly heard the scream of the monster.

When I looked at it's direction, I see the form of the beaten ogre who was waking up and trying to running away and, along with shadow of a person, and fresh blood — No, it's wearing an armor and a helmet.

On it's one hand is a crimson lance, which then pierced through the monster and absorbed the blood bathed on it.

「THAT LANCE IS ABSORBING BLOOD!？」

「As I thought, that's the cause of this riot.」

RisaHaruna was staring intently at the lance.

I noticed that I saw it somewhere too, so I strained my eyes to look at it.

.....I remember now.

That armor and helmet was the armor that I saw decorated in front of the door of that underground coffin in the ruins. Though I think that it's poor balance since it's hanged on one-side, don't tell me its counterpart is moving on it's own.

### Part 3

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Coffin——So that's it, it might be the one that stabbed countless wound on the coffin.

Though the armor and helmet was protecting the coffin room, the scratch wound was like it had been done by hand.

「Could it be, that lance inside the coffin？」

「Yeah. That was my former【[Treasure](#)[\[秘宝\]](#)】, Blade Licorice, Blood Sucking Demon Lance」

[TL : The treasure[\[秘宝\]](#) here can also translated as secret treasure which is different from normal treasure[\[お宝\]](#)]

The that I see as if bored of drinking the blood of the monster, the armor and helmet stopped at that place.

I asked RisaHaruna without taking my eyes off it,「That armored monster is quite something for using that amazing lance.」

RisaHaruna is shaking her head.

「It's the opposite. That lance is just fulfilling it's own desire by manipulating the armor and the helmet. Its desire is to cure its thirst by drinking blood.」

「What, the lance...？」

「Haven't you ever heard of the fact that a powerful article would have their own will and spirit after bathing 1000 times under the light of the fullmoon？ There's the case in which a treasure could have power exceeding the knowledge of anyone who made it. If those articles spend long months and years, there's enough possibility that it'll gain a spirit or an evil spirit on it's own. There's also the occasion in which it would surpass the weapon



and the stone statue.」

Seriously.

Treasure[秘宝]—— I noticed that I had heard a little about it before.

I know that it held power on a different level compared to any normal treasure[お宝], but, isn't that will changing into a completely dangerous monster?

「That was a weapon which I used for draining blood before. Now, it seems like it transformed into a demon which wants blood for its own self.」

「Right, it seems like that. Then, that's the true culprit of the bloodsucking event.」

RisaHaruna nodded while slowly facing towards the set of armor, helmet and lance.

「I thought that this might be the reason when I heard about the bloodsucking uproar. But, I am a completely normal villager. I can't do it even if I wanted to go to check that ruins.」

「Thus you made a request to us, right?」

「That's right. Though there's some sort of unnatural form in my comission, the outsiders won't go to poke their noses in that..... But, that might be why it didn't occur to me to be more careful till reaching this point. THAT is the proof that I once lived in that ruin. Since the [treasure](#) was like me and could be considered as ancient as myself, I sealed it inside the coffin as I couldn't bring myself to throw it away. But, it seems that the treasure itself is carrying devilishness more powerful than what I had thought. It might have turned into a monster which attacks with miasma.」

[TL : When RisaHaruna talking about treasure, it's always secret treasure[秘宝]]

RisaHaruna's plam is concealing a small vermillion crystal.

It's shining with a similar light as the lance.

「What're you going to do?」

RisaHaruna is stepping even further forward.

Though the set of armor and helmet is empty, it's rushing towards our direction while swinging the lance.

RisaHaruna caught the swinging lance with her dyed red hand, seized the armor with another hand and flung it away.

「Same as always. Destroy.」

「OOH ! 」

「A vampire's weapon is this physical strength. We're tougher than steel, and originally didn't need weapons——But」

#### **Part 4**

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A red drop is spilling from RisaHaruna hand.

「You got injured just now ! 」

「As I thought, THAT is not a normal weapon. Its power is also increasing by sucking blood.」

The weapon is increasing it's power by sucking blood, truly a demon lance. The armor and helmet are still rushing with even more speed without losing momentum. RisaHaruna was not able to dodge it and her wounds increased with every attack.

Though the armor's attempt to counterattack her was crushed, there's no damage to the lance – the main body.

Clicking her lips, she landed a roundhouse kick while doing a backward salvo and fell on her knees on the place she landed at.

「Are you alright!?!」

「Barely, not at all. As I thought, THAT is stronger than me who didn't suck blood for a long time. Though, I already did expect something like this.」

When I saw her rushing, I saw many cuts on her, her red colored blood is reflecting in the moonlight.

「You're bleeding heavily. Next is my turn.」

「THAT is strong.」

「Yeah, I knew it after seeing that. But....well, I think I can somehow pull through it.」

I draw my sword and start gathering my magical power.

It's not pride or a bluff. Just right when I see my opponent, I think that I might really be able to somehow pull it off. This might be a good chance of『Making Use』 of the power I obtained from parasitism before.

# Chapter 48: [The Result Of Parasitism]

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## Part 1

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I decided to act quickly. I faced the empty armor and helmet which are moving while handling the lance. As it is, I decided to take the first hit and then, I slashed at the armor with a sweeping movement.

The lance attack that was fired at the same time was avoided and the arms that had been manipulated by it were torn when I had cut them from the armor.

Having learnt many skills, my basic spec increased quite a bit. Or you can say that I increased my ability with various skills, which means that my basic specs had raised so much after being boosted by the last ability that was used. For the current me, I can even evade while following this enemy's movement.

The lance slipped and fell to the ground due to the severed arm of the armor and helmet set. This is the end—— But as I thought, there's no way that it will end this easily.

The lance started to rise while it was clad in something similar to aura. I thought that it won't be strange if it was manipulating the helmet and armor with its magical power like that but, from now on, it is the real show.

Though it had attacked first again, the fast moving spearhead was parried by my sword. And, the blade of the sword was chipped. Even like this, the sword was befitting of its quality but, this lance was made of amazing material befitting of a treasure.

Though I managed to parry with my sword and counterattack with the blade, the blade was still chipped a bit. The damage is too severe.

「Be careful, an average weapon will wear out quickly.」I can hear Risa Haruna's advice from behind. Okay, I had just experienced it

myself.

Though I don't want to parry it's attack if possible, but a lance that was thrust with an higher-speed was coming to assault me. I barely have any freedom to read it's attack even while moving, just evading without attacking is already difficult. It seems it was using safe mode when moving with the armor and saving the energy.

「As expected, it seems that I have no choice but to destroy the lance itself, 【Enhance Attack】!」

I enhanced my basic ability by applying enhance type skill on myself. Though I'm also applying sorcery skill to the lance, it's really not that effective. Since I already had verified that it was effective on an object, it seems this lance has special resistance towards this peculiar type of magic.

Naturally my opponent won't just waiting silently, it resumed its attack. Its attack is quite merciless but, it is somewhat easy to parry and kill the force behind the attack with magic shield. Though a perfect defence is impossible, it is useful even if it is only for decreasing the speed of the attack.

Thus, while I'm avoiding my opponent attack many times over, I continuously apply the sorcery skill without giving up and, I could see slight response once or twice.

「It's effective huh」

As I thought, the lance is incapable of completely nullifying the effect. It seems enhancement with sorcery skill started to show its effect.

### Skill【The Law of All】

It's a skill which enhances the effect of the sorcery (magic) and but at the risk of returning some curses to myself. Thanks to this, I think that the effect is no longer just zero. But, as the compensation, my ability..... does not fall.

The 【Status Drain】 is a combination skill of special sorcery and

enchantment. It absorbs the magical status of the opponent on whom it is being applied. And as a result of it, I can greatly lower the ability of the opponent.

「Now ! 」

I got into an offensive here. Though my beaten sword had caught the tip of the lance, the blade of the sword did not get chipped and as a result, I can exchange blows with the lance. Now I can attack with this.

As I thought, the magic swordsman style is really useful. It does suit one who uses various skills, just like me. I'm attacking while also defending from my opponent's attack, but it's a stalemate as both sides are incapable of landing a decisive attack. It would have been easier if I also had a treasure. Though I have decided to end this battle with sorcery, it is actually very hard to accomplish.

But, maybe I can look for something like a vulnerability. When the spear was moving, I noticed a stone affixed on the tip of the handle that let out a red shine. That was definitely the energy source of the magic lance.

The lance fluttered mid air and then took some distance from myself. I adjusted my breath and aim for the timing to perform a counter attack. I decided to settle it with the next attack, so I was enhancing the sorcery even further using my skill.

RisaHaruna said from behind,「It's already effective! It won't have any meaning even if you stack even more skills!」

「No, it does have a meaning, Risa Haruna-san. My magical power has decreased」

Right, magical power is consumed when used, even if it had been ineffective. Wasting it is my aim. I had obtained the【Field of Fire】skill during these two months of parasitism. This is a skill which will raise power in proportion to the amount of decrease in magical power and stamina.

I was using my magical power to increase the skill's power and reducing the amount of magical power at the same time – in order to use skills that increased my ability. That was plenty enough. I'll beat it with this one attack. At the same time when I was focussing the remaining portion of my magical power, the lance thrust towards my heart. Matching the timing together with the lance, I flipped the attack vigorously.

Though there was no damage on the body of the lance itself, I was aiming at the moment when the lance flips as it tries to change its orbit; With the drop in it's velocity, it's defense is reduced. In this moment, I gathered my magical power in the form of a magic arrow and shot it toward the point that is shining red on the lance.

The arrow hit that without inhibition, and the magic stone was broken. The blood-like red light is dispersing the darkness of the night like a firefly. The lance immediately loses its shine and falls on to the ground.

The destruction of the treasure is complete.

「I'm astonished. There's someone who can destroy that.」The voice from behind is Risa haruna-san. She was clapping her hands in an elegant manner as she approached me while looking at the lance.

「It's splendid. To be honest, I never thought that an adventurer who received a commission of this rank could somehow pull that off successfully.」

「Honestly the fact is.. I do a fairly great job once a while.」

「It seems so. Usually something like a monster or human cannot win against a treasure. It's praiseworthy. Or feared. Just what kind of a human are you?」

Risa Haruna-san is touching my neck and shoulder as if she wants to check something. Maybe to check the blood. Her serious eyes is, a little scary.

「Wait a minute, it's ticklish!」

「Fufu, that place is normal. Well then..... the matter is settled but, how about me? 」

With a complete change in attitude and hiding her smile, Risa Haruna came towards me with a posture indicating that she would challenge, if needed. I tilt my head, unable to understand the meaning of 『How』.

「I've said that I'm a vampire, right? Is it okay to leave me alone? 」

「Ah....」

「.....You forgot about it. Though you may be a big-shot or just a reckless person, but I should say that you are a wonderful man.」

Risa Haruna was shaking her head while touching her forehead. Even though I was complimented, it can't be helped since I need concentrate on the battle in front of me. But, basically what's the big deal about that?

「Uhm..... well, is not it fine? 」

「What? 」

「Nothing special, if you are not doing anything bad, isn't everything fine even if you're a vampire? Though you might have been sucking blood while living in the ruin, that's the matter of the past. Reality isn't like the content of history book. Much time has passed by and it's alright if you didn't do it now.」

I made such a declaration. Risa Haruna was staring at my face with wide opened eyes. That expression of her as if surprised made her look slightly young.

「You're an unusual fellow. It doesn't scare you? 」

「Not at all. I do not think like that. I trust in what I see. Besides, maybe I'm the same with you in some manner.」

「.....Fufu, you're definitely an oddball like me.」



Risa Haruna is slowly approaching me. And then, she caressed the nape of my neck with her finger.

「As expected, there will always be something interesting when mixing with the humans. Though it has already been quite long, this is the first time that I am meeting someone like you. I'm glad that I came back.」

「Isn't that really wonderful?」

She had met various people, but saying that I'm the only one who was special might be an overstatement. Besides, should I say that I'm worried when I'm deemed as "special"? It's comfortable when thinking about being ordinary in a normal situation.

「It made me want to do a "sampling" after a long time, you know.」

「Iya~, isn't that the exact opposite of it!?!」

While denying to be sucked, when I asked Risa Haruna about what should be done with the broken magic lance, she said to hand it over as the culprit of the bloodsucking incident as she did not need it anymore. But, she said to take the jewel core as there was still some value to it. Though I see it because it's on my hand, I can feel great amount of magical power which is the core of the lance.

「Say, could it be that this is a magic crystal?」

「Ah. Since it was used on a treasure, it is a wonderful one with high purity and high concentration. Though it has been broken into pieces, it won't lose it's nature. It's not bad as a reward, right? This is the reward from me.」

I quick put it inside my space bag. Magic crystal, GET!!!.

Although it couldn't be found easily, with this, the specially-made magic tools finally have a brighter prospect for their completion. I had been able to test the powers gained with parasitism and I even gained the item that I had been looking for a long time. Thinking that it had been a nice evening, I returned to

Snori along with Risaharuna.

# Chapter 49: [Dispel (Anti)]

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## Part 1

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After I found the truth behind the bloodsucking incident of Snori village, I fell asleep right after returning to the inn. It felt really good after the puzzle was solved.

I was sound asleep until next morning. While concealing the truth regarding Risa Haruna's true form, I, along with Risa Haruna, explained the truth of the matter to Ally and the person who's apparently the chief of the village.

Their reaction was superb, they were grateful and warmly welcomed that news.

The people, who seemingly were in important position, said their gratitude in turn and furthermore they gave rewards and meals. Since I feel that it is not a big deal, I declined the reward. But, by doing so, I just increased the admiration of the other party on myself and they started to give more than before.

Therefore, I couldn't refuse it. In the end, various types of vegetables, ham and bacon were obtained. I threw large quantities of those ingredients into my space bag.

After that, we decided to go back to Laurel. But, since Ally is doing a little tour around Snori before that, and because I am tired of the various things that happened last night, we decided to take a short rest.

It seems Ally's touring the city with Mimy.

And then, I took a midday siesta. Since I woke up before the time of departure, I decided to tour Snori too.

On the way of such a carefree stroll, I saw something unusual. In front of a big building, an unusual arms store in Snori, there was a knight wearing an armor and helmet that was unusual for a place

like Snori. The knight wore an extra armor polished in silver that I had never seen before. The knight obviously was not an ordinary adventurer, if it's of the type that can't be seen in this area, it might be a class that can't be seen in this area.

I nonchalantly approach that knight and touch him, in order to try to attach the parasite as usual. But in that moment, an electric shock ran through me as if repelling my hand.

Parasitism failed.

Though Risa Haruna's face crossed my mind at that moment, this was obviously a different case. There was no lost response like that time, there was a reaction above the hand; something like a powerful electric current was rejecting my parasite. This is the first time I had experienced something like this. What was it that just happened? I can't understand it.

Alright, if that's the case, then I decided to ask him who seemed to be well-informed in magic.

「Dispel (Anti), huh...」

「Anti?」

There is a saying “strike while the iron is hot“, so I immediately left towards the inn in which Phillipe, the magic tools craftsman was staying at.

When I told about my personal experience, Phillipe immediately said the above words.

「Do you know dispel?」

「Yeah. It's a skill to negating the effect of magic and curse, right?」

「Yeah. There is a tool which possesses this kind of effect. If the other party does not deliberately use ‘Dispel’ skill, then it should be due to this kind of equipment.」

**Part 2**

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Parasite is treated like a curse?..... It receives such cruel treatment even in this world. I really want to raise the status of parasite.

But, practically this is quite embarrassing. Because it belongs to the case where I can't sell my best selling point.

「——I see. So I'll be okay if I'm using Dispel(Anti) right」

Phillipe nodded in agreement.

「If you have a magic tool with the capability to counter spell, then it is reasonable to think of the existence of a tool that can act as counter for counter-spell tool. If you have the latter, invalidating the former's effect is possible.」

「It's alright to have that. Does counter for counter spell have the higher priority?」

「Nope, there's rank even for that. Naturally the power of the stronger side will take priority. Naturally, the power of skill and magic also become relevant in this scenario.」

「I see, so it's like that. So, it's not that simple huh....If that's the case, I'm relieved then」

As I was thinking while placing my hand on my chin, after a while, I took out the magic crystal which had been the core of demon lance, Blood Licorice, from my space bag.

「You(lucky) bastard ! That's ! 」

In that instant, Phillipe bent his body forward.

I displayed the shining crystal in front of Phillipe's eyes.

「Is it enough with this ? The magic crystal that you wanted...」

「It's not a matter of enough or not enough anymore——I have never seen one with such high purity.」

Phillipe's hand holding the crystal was trembling incessantly. I could feel his admiration; as expected of a magic tools maniac.

「Then, with this I think you can start processing the Manticore's material. Though I was thinking of what to make with it, but now I've decided. I want you to make a magic tool which possesses Dispel(Anti) effect. It's the most useful one for me, which will help me to break my opponent's counter spell」

So when I make use of my parasite ability, I can make use of the skill to reduce the ability of my opponent like in the previous battle. I am glad that I decided what to make at the right time.

Phillipe, who heard my words, nodded vigorously.

「Yeah, leave it to me. I've got the best material in my entire life as a craftsman. I'll make the best item with it. Definitely! But Eiji, what the heck are you? How can you always bring material which I needed?」

「Umm..... Isn't it just coincidence? 」

「How can it be! .... Fu~, whatever. I have no choice but to find about it myself if you're not going to say about it.... At any rate, if I'm sticking to you, I feel like that I can climb to a greater height as a craftsman. So, I'm counting on you, Eiji. Kukuku, Hahaha....! 」

Phillipe started to laugh in a loud voice. But, I'll be troubled if you follow me at your own convenience, you know?

### **Part 3**

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「I'll start right away, Eiji! Look forward for it! 」

Phillipe, who is extremely tensed, started to collect his luggage.

He is already leaving the inn and it seems he's planning to go to his own workshop.

I was astounded by the fact that there was someone who moves more faster than me right after making up his/her mind.

Even so, if Phillipe starts to work ahead in advance, I will welcome it rather than be complaining about it. I left the inn while expecting its date of completion.

After walking for a while, I saw Ally, who had seemingly separated with Mimy, walking alone. At the same time, I saw the two silver knights from a while ago too.

There was another one? Did they belong to some sort of chivalric order? Should I approach them? When I was observing both of them while thinking of such things, Ally rushed over when she found me.

「Eiji-sama, it's such a coincidence, right?」

「Yeah. There are unusual people.」

「They are gentlemen wearing that armor....! Perhaps these gentlemen are the people who are dispatched from the capital. I have seen a similar situation in the past.」

I see...no wonder, the luxury of their equipment is different from any ordinary adventurer. Anywhere, a person who has a connection to the country is strong.

「A chance encounter...my luck might be good for meeting this kind of person in this place.」

「Fufu, that must be the case....Compared to that, I am unlucky. I couldn't be present when Eiji-sama had settled the bloodsucking incident yesterday. It was a chance to see Eiji-sama's true power very close. Before, I couldn't see the form that I wanted to see the most in the labyrinth too. I truly am unlucky. I wanted to see Eiji-sama's gallant appearance!」

Now that she said it, though we have been adventuring together until now, this time and in the case of the labyrinth, she was not around when I fought the big boss. Well, due to lack of coordination, I always end up going alone.

「I shouldn't let dangerous monster to come out again, right?」

「Please stop saying such dangerous things!」

Ally looked at me with a reproachful look. Well, what if I told

you that I was the cause for it.... Oh? I saw the silver armored knights suddenly moving beyond while looking over Ally's shoulders. The duo who were standing still suddenly bowed their heads.

I thought that it was an office building of an influential and powerful person in the city, but a blond haired youth with curled hair was leaving from there. The youth walked out without even taking a notice about those two. Or so I thought, when he suddenly stood still and looked toward us. Eh, why?

## Part 4

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Taking along the silver armored knights as his companion, when he came in front of me, the youth smiled as he saw me, or rather Ally.

「It's been a while, Ally Duo.」

「It's been a while, Grael Treize-sama.」

When Ally noticed that man, she turned around and bowed politely. It seems that he was Ally's acquaintance, and judging from his atmosphere, a noble?

「To have a chance of meeting you in this remote region never crossed in my mind. Why are you in this kind of place? 」

As the man called Grael said that, he looked at the surrounding scenery as if despising it.

「In order to carry out the guild's commission in this place——」

「Ah, so you're still trying to become what they call an adventurer huh..」

Grael said those words with a voice loud enough to overwhelm Ally's voice. Ally looked at Grael's eyes in silence.

「I'm surprised, you know? For a beautiful and wise person like you, I still can't fathom why are you doing these things along with people of low birth.」



# Chapter 50: [Self-Proclaimed Disciple And Detestable Noble]

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## Part 1

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「It seems that I must disagree at your words, Treize-sama. Despite being incomprehensible, adventurers are not of low birth. There are ones who dream to save people.」

「Seriously, you really are an unmanageable person.」

As expected, though Ally replied with a sullen expression, Grael didn't care about it, shrugging his shoulders right away and reaching his hand to Ally's face.

T-This guy, what the hell is he suddenly doing.

「If you act more woman-like without being infatuated by something boring like this, I would be delighted. How about it? A dinner to celebrate our reunion after a while. Of course, in the nearby city which is not as rural as this city.」

「Thank you for your offer, but I refuse, Treize-sama. Since I have to report the completion of commission along with Eiji-sama」

Ally escaped from that hand which dangled in the air after a while and just like that shifted to my side. Grael started looking suspiciously towards me.

「Eiji? If it's a comission, then you're an adventurer too?」

「Yes. That's right. I came to this place along with Ally-san」

「Well, you should be thinking somewhere along the lines of looking good or currying favor to the nobles right? Or maybe, you're thinking about something vulgar when you see a female noble close by, aren't you? That's why you're saying things like going along. Truly, what a vulgar guy. I don't even want to speak even one word with someone like YOU. Ally isn't someone who

can go along with someone like you.」

「That's wrong ! 」

The one denying isn't me, it was Ally. Ally's eyebrows raised as she said those words clearly to Grael.

「Eiji-sama is a splendid person. Both as an adventurer and as a person. I was also saved by him. Though I really didn't want to talk like this, he understood me more than Treize-sama. He has more value as a human even than me」

Though Grael was taken aback, his hand touched his chin as if he felt displeasure watching the scene.

「Can I hear the reason why you say that? It's not like you don't know about the influence of our Treize-house right? 」

「It has nothing to do with the influence of house. The thing that I can trust till the end is his heart and his own power. I have seen that so many times.」

A dangerous atmosphere started to envelope them. I wish it won't become a dangerous situation for me. I do not want Ally's societal status getting worsened because she was covering for me and it also made me feel guilty.

.....Maybe I must step out too.

「Grael-san, though I feel bad for this, if one receives a commission from an adventurer guild, till you complete that, there's no need to know that the person is a noble as it has nothing to do with the commission. That's why though we feel bad, getting that as the priority is our job. Since you know that now, will you give up?」

「Give up? You dare? For a lowly adventurer to say something like that to me——」

It seems as the effect of saying such words, Grael's eyes are completely looking at me with his eyebrows frowning without

hiding the anger in his eyes, as if those words were said on purpose.

—And, the silver armored knight beside him whispered something.

## Part 2

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「I know that it's already time, who do you think I'am ! .....That fellow called Eiji over there, you better remember this! You will regret the fact that you said such a cheeky thing you know? Aren't you going to practice licking my shoes? 」

Grael was leaving along with his subordinate while leaving such a remark. His irritation is plain to see even in his way of walking, very easy to understand. I'm sure that he's the type who won't feel satisfied unless things absolutely go the way he wants to.

Even if it's suited for the other party, doing things like currying for favour in vanity is inexcusable for me. The other party is planning his action and must be waiting. As for Ally, that person was a troublesome acquaintance. Naturally for me too. I don't want a silver armored knight aiming at me.

Whether it seemed to be linked by fate one after another with troublesome person (parasitizing), I'm stifled with self-mocking smile.

「His name is Grael Treize and is my acquaintance. Though it was from the time I went to capital academy, somehow he's complaining to me for not suiting to becoming an adventurer. Moreover, the way he used his hand was also impolite. I'm embarrassed.」

Ally placed her hand on her cheeks, showing a rare fed up expression.

「There's a complicated feeling in you too right. It's more like pleasant-unpleasant-like though.」

「That's troubling me. Since he's someone who will try to do anything to his own satisfaction, it would become quite tiresome when he set his eyes on you. Leaving that aside, my apologies for being involved with me. I made you to offend someone Eiji-sama.」

After Grael left, Ally bowed very deeply along the way we were heading toward the place of the boarding carriage. I waved my hand.

「It's nothing, it's completely not like that. It was bad luck for Ally too. Well, I'm saved since it seems he had some kind of business to do, so I won't be involved with him more than this.」

「Yeah. But just in case, please be careful, Eiji-sama. Though I believe that he is a sore loser, he might try to do something.」

Is it about the last words of Grael? He seemed to have a high pride, so he might really try to do something. Certainly, I'll make sure to be careful. Ally was smiling when I nodded to her words.

「But then, if it's Eiji-sama, it should end being countered even if he tried to do something. Rather than being harmed, my worry is that you'll be suffering due to his scheme.」

And then after a while, we got on the carriage to return to Laurel. The journey towards Laurel ended without any trouble, we reported the completion of the commission in the guild. We received a record in the guild card when we were reporting, which reminds me, I have heard somewhere that this guild card was also a treasure originally. If I recall, it was something along the lines of it being an imperfect replica of a treasure capable of reproducing only one of the treasure's functions. These things called treasures are of various types.

### Part 3

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After receiving the report, we also received the remuneration. Though the amount isn't that great, it gave us the feeling of "Mission complete". Once I return to the inn, I'm just going to

spend my days slowly after all.

And, when I left the counter, I heard a voice from beside the counter.

「OOH ! You're the one from sometime ago ! Thank you very much ! 」

What ?

When I looked the voice, the one that came to me was a robed man with a loud voice.

Ah, certainly this man was the one on whom I latched my parasite during the time when I was strengthening with double Parasite.

「Even if you said thank you, I did nothing at all.....」

「That's not true ! Aren't you the one who gave me support during the difficult commission and helped me to achieve it? Moreover, thanks to defeating a lot of monsters with your help at that time, we are now even able to defeat a lot more powerful monsters which provide more higher experience than previously. It's all thanks to Eiji-san!」(ED: Use of bold letters to indicate his loudness. Though I wanted to use caps, it looked pretty bad...)

The man with the loud voice expressed his gratitude.

But, a heartfelt gratitude seems just fine though.

I did that for my own sake, rather, I felt grateful too.

「Nonono, it really is okay. I was saved too」

「Please don't be so humble. Please look, thanks too Eiji-san, now I can do even such commissions ! 」

The robed man pointed towards the top of the counter.

At that place, there was a body hair of an ogre and something like clay of the mud demon. Along with it, there were heaps of raw materials that could be obtained in the second layer of Paienne

labyrinth.

「Oh, though the one in front is a good match and more worthy as an opponent, it's wonderful」

「It's thanks to Eiji-san, you know. I received experience and I even learned the way of battle. I realized that I could become as much stronger as I want by utilizing a combination of skills. Though I can't use many skills like Eiji-san yet, I can compensate it with magic tools and devices. Right, the human mind must be capable of devising solutions based on the circumstances. Though I'm not that strong, my way of battle is promising. That's Eiji-san's strength, the one I admire the most in this place. Thanks to that, I have reached the point where I can do collection commission in the second layer of Paienne labyrinth alone nowadays.」

The man's prideful face is overflowing with self-confidence.

The effect of Parasite and its Parasitism is greater than what I thought. I'm a bit surprised that it developed till this point. It was beyond my prediction.

「I'm glad to have received such words. Let's do our best together even after this」

「Yes. I want to reach the point in which I can hunt Coccy Wolf like Eiji-san soon. I'll level up even more to repay the favour to Eiji-san」

「No, there's no need to go that far you know. Or rather, it's okay as there's no need for you to do that you know」

「That's impossible ! Because, I wish to express my gratitude ! That's why, I will definitely become strong. Because I'll end up losing my face if I'm weak even after being taught by Eiji-san ! 」

I caught a glimpse of a fist from his robe, and I saw him clutching his fist.

This person is extremely motivated, I wonder if he's training a bit too much.

No, don't mind him, don't mind him. It's a good thing for the city if he gathers a lot of raw material and becomes stronger, it's a win-win situation as the experience easily enters into me too, that's it.

## Part 4

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「Ahaha, you're exaggerating. Well, please do your best, but don't force yourself to do the impossible」

「Yes ! Master ! 」

I became his master before I was even aware of it. Why did it turn into such a situation?

When I left the counter and came out of the guild while still being bewildered by the unexpected situation, Ally was clapping with her hands.

「Eiji-sama is really a wonderful person. You are already taking a disciple practically as soon as you registered as an adventurer. As expected of you.」

「No, that isn't it ! Rather, Ally not saying about this event as a joke is more expected ! 」

I returned to the inn while inserting a tsukkomi to Ally who was showing too much of her admiration.

# Chapter 51: [Kitchen Garden During The Holiday]

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## Part 1

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After separating in front of the inn with Ally, I returned towards the usual inn after such long time.

「Welcome back, Eiji-san」

「I'm back, Marie-chan」

When I returned to my room, I exchanged a greeting with Marie who was sweeping the corridor with all her strength. I safely kept down my luggage.

Fuh, as expected, this inn is the best.

After sorting my luggage, I recalled the matter that happened when we were inside the coach.

Ally told the matter about Grael Treize in the coach.

He's affiliated to what you can call as a secret government organization. The reason why he came to Snori might be related to that.

There exists a certain organization in the capital of Rain kingdom called the Secret Agency. It seems their purpose is for investigating and controlling things beyond human comprehension.

In short, they're mainly investigating about things regarding dungeon, treasure, monster etc. The thing about them leaving so suddenly in Snori is maybe because they found the information regarding that demon lance, Blood Licorice. But for them, who came to Snori around that time, it might be due to a different reason. It seems they couldn't just overlook the information that came to their ears.



It seems that the information piqued the curiosity of government official. It's better if it's not that unpleasant guy though.

Though it seems the secret government office is often involved with adventurers in many cases due to the nature of their job, according to Ally, it seems Grael is always looking down on them with such feeling.

Does he think that they're similar to his own dog or horse?

I don't want to have anything to do with him as much as possible.

In addition to that lance, there are several other types of treasures such as the Akasha pupil, the transfer crystal, the witch of black lily and so on. Those are kept safe with temple's co-operation, though it seems more like they have been enshrined or more like being analyzed for the sake of gaining knowledge.

The pupil of Akasha became the base foundation of the guild card after researching one part of it. It could record every event seen by it. Transfer crystal is something that even I had used in the Paienne labyrinth.

「Treasure huh. Just like it's name, it's powerful and really convenient.」

I sit on the bed while thinking about a variety of such interesting things. Uhm, as I thought. The one here is a cheaper inn even more than the one I took in Snori but, as I thought, being in this place calms my mind. It feels just like I returned to 『My own room』. I lay my body down on the bed and slowly stretched my body.

I have magic tools too, not on the level of a treasure though.

Well, in case of ordinary magic tools, I'll sell them to the magic tools store.

Yoshi, I'll take a few days of peaceful holidays [rest day]. I borrowed one volume of book. And that was the book which

depicted magic items or what you call as magic tools or treasures. There's a saying that says one should go to the specialist for the best results. So, I borrowed this book while checking the situation on Phillipe's side.

## Part 2

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I'm absorbed in reading the book inside my room. There's a rough description regarding the representative of magic item. It was very interesting. As a result, I had unintentionally completed it. I had loved these kinds of picture books since the beginning. The memory of reading illustrated books like the animal picture book has resurrected within my mind.

Ah, by the way, the progress of Phillipe's work is splendid, looks like it'll be completed before long.

The best mainstream for learning is the art of scrolls.

Various types of skills, such as ice lance, magic arrow, etc. can be sealed within the scrolls and can be used by invoking them. It is divided into several types. The advantage of a scroll is that its power is determined by the one who makes it rather than the one who uses it.

Since even the most unskilled warrior can use this magic scroll, it's very convenient for the warrior classes. On the contrary, it's also very convenient for the mages to use this to invoke physical strength related skills.

But the disadvantage is that it results in a waste of money when overused or so I heard.

Apart from scrolls, there are also other types of magic tools.

They can also be used to bestow various special effects to an assortment of equipment like sword, shield, robe, or ring. It can be used in various media, there are ones that still have their normal effect even if it is used on random items, there are also those whose effectiveness will increase or decrease depending on the user.

The way to use them when compared to scrolls is difficult but, it'll be handy once mastered. Moreover, there are various types of magic items to use, of course, the ones that are useful in day-to-day life also exist. A lamp called magic lamp, a sphere called scarecrow to put on a barrier of vermin protection on the cultivated field are few such examples. It seems there are many wonderful high-class items too.

I closed the book while thinking about the wide variety of items present. Though the priority might be low since I can use various skills, if I have such useful items it'll be helpful for sure. In other words, you can say that it's "Convenience of the civilization".

From now, it is time to think about how to effectively use them together with the skills that I possess.

Well then, that is that——.

I descend the stairs of the inn and continue towards the plot of land on the back of the inn. This place has been turned into a kitchen garden, the things that are taken out from from this place is served as the dinner in the inn occasionally.

I had also groomed this field several times during my day off to become accustomed to the inn. Recently, I was neglecting it.

I've gained a new skill of a new class after a while. Since that's the case, it is just the right time to test it out. I've gained it recently but, it's a skill of 【Farmer】class which is mostly unused.

When I studied about the magic tools, I realized that I also wanted to try to know what my skills are capable of. Since this is a good chance, let's put it into use. If it can improve the quality of the soil, the quality of the inn's meals will also improve.

In that place, one small scale of the field is producing a bad harvest, recently it has not been used to plant anything. I might be able to improve this field with skill. Okay, let's try it then.

First I used the 【Examine(Earth)】 skill.

——I see, the humidity and the quality of the soil isn't bad but, there's no nourishment. That's the reason why the plants won't grow that much. But then, Marie had said that she had put in fertilizers in all plots of land similarly.

Could it be—— because of microorganisms?

### Part 3

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In the story that I had heard long time ago, though phosphorous and nitrogen are seemingly important for the growth of the plant, the nutrients can't be used by the plant if there are no microorganisms to cause that chemical reaction.

Though I don't know the detailed scenario since I'm an amateur, it won't go as planned to make it into a good soil when the number of microorganisms from the start is little.

To verify that, I decided to plant plants as a little test on this field.

Since I've 【Mastery of Farming Tools】, the way to use the farming tools will be ingrained in my body even if I have never done agricultural work, a flawless farm is complete and ready.

Well, because it was originally just a small corner of the of the kitchen garden, it's not a time consuming work at all.

Finally, I used the 【Nutrient Conversion】 skill.

This is most likely a skill that transforms the nutrient composition that exist in the soil to the nutrients suitable for the plants. If the plants grow well using this, my guess regarding the decrease of the microorganisms who are responsible for the nutrients will be confirmed.

「Oh..... It came」

The feeling of slight exhaustion after using the skill came to affect me. This kind of feeling came only when meddling with the soil, as it was a big skill demanding quite an amount of magical

power.

While my stamina decreased bit by bit, I confirmed the correction effect of 【Conflagration Field】 skill which I used against the demon lance sometimes ago.

Due to the effect of 【Conflagration Field】 skill, it seems that when my stamina and magical power is decreased by  $1/4$  of its total amount, my ability will be raised by 30% due to the conversion correction.

If it decreases even further, it keeps increasing till it reaches 50% increase of the ability as it was the maximum possible. A splendid power correction indeed.

..... .. Well, the next attack performed with decrease in power by same amount is also the biggest demerit. As a consequence, it becomes something like Final Attack. Since it's a nice one for a finisher, it seems good to use when in need of power like the incident sometime ago[Blood sucking case].

「Well then, next is to examine how the soil turned out to be. Even if I say so, the effect won't be visible right away. I wonder what will be growing out in a while...」

I returned to the inn again after leaving a mark on the place where I sowed the seed, while I thought about the fact that it was strange that I enjoyed it and wished to play with dirt again sometime later.

# Chapter 52: [Acquisition Of Traits]

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## Part 1

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Well, the cultivation field should be enough with this much, and I should experiment a bit more with the Farmer system's skills.

I leave the village and head towards the nearby forest right away.

It is a nice weather to stroll around. I feel at peace.

I entered the forest while yawning and look for a suitable place to grow plants.

On the way, I picked up a fallen nut that looked like Walnut.

「Oh, this place is nice.」

After walking for a while, I saw a place where the vegetable that I was familiar with was growing en-masse.

The wild melon.

Though this vegetable, called Laurel Melon, has a lot of thick and short melons on its short and robust stalk, I dug a hole in order to not injure the root.

Next, I took out several items from my space bag that I deemed suitable for this occasion.

Lamp, [shitotsuken](#), magic crystal of flame, walnut and finally, an apple.

[TL : Shitotsuken[刺突剣] – Thorn Piercing Sword, it might be the name of the sword or the type of the sword that similar to Machina bolt rapier from Type-o]

Though the Apple and the walnut were certainly not the same as the one from Earth, the feeling of foodstuffs was similar. By the way, the apple of this world gave a slightly “La-France”-ish feeling.

「I will—— bury these guys ! 」

I am burying the root stump of the melon that will become a different thing, in the hole that I dug.

I carefully filled it with soil and then covered it with fallen leaves.

Of course it doesn't mean that it'll grow into something strange.

This is necessary for my 【Form and Nature Bestowal】 skill.

This is a composite skill between farmer and enchanter. I bury something under the root of plant and when I use the skill by placing my hand above it and activate—— The nature of the buried item will be assimilated into the plant.

I feel that it is quite an amusing effect.

To be honest, even I can't predict how much the nature's traits will be bestowed. So, I try to test it in a place far from public gaze.

It might become an apple-flavored melon, or a hard melon like walnut, a burning melon, or a piercing melon, or even a shining melon. It'll be fun if it really turned out that way.

The practical use is..... , uhm, I wonder if there'll be a few apple-flavored melon.

Well, realistically speaking, there's no way it'll grant the traits of the lamp or sword to the melon. I really wonder...

This place too, since the stump will seemingly taking sometime to absorb the nature of the buried item, I'll let it out for a while along with the kitchen garden. The result will be amusing.

A short while later.

I should say several days but, time passed by.

I spent those days lazily lying around within the 2 metre vicinity of my bed.

## Part 2

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I leave my room to synthesize vitamin D after having been in my

room for several days. The first place that I'm heading for is the kitchen garden.

When I'm looking at the field in which I gave nutrition, on that place was a plant that had already sprouted. Its height was already reaching my knee.

While I'm surprised at the growth speed that was beyond my prediction, I did a guts pose to the success of my experiment.

The nutrition of the soil was the cause after all. Though the fertilizers were already provided to the soil, it still was not sufficient. The absence of microbes in the soil made it unable to continuously supply nutrition to the plants.

Even if I use a skill in this place, the effect won't be for long.

The microbes perform their job only when I use my skill. Though I could use it periodically, it is just too troublesome and basically not a solution.

「As I thought, it won't work without the microbes.」

I travelled to the forest.

The plant on that place was growing splendidly, the cycle should be completed with the animal decomposers and scavengers. If I bring back that soil, it might contain a lot of microbes. Of course, along with securing some fallen leaves and things similar to that.

If I include this in the field, the soil might be restored.

The problem of this side has been RESOLVED.

Next, I walked towards the other place in the forest. To see what happen to the modified melon.

When I went to that place a few days ago, the melon didn't show any signs of transformation.

I wrote each item that I had buried in the soil on boards with a marker.



I'll investigate what became of those melon according to those landma~..... I haven't even finished those lines- 「.....THE MELON IS SHINING」

It's shining.

The melon which was buried with a lamp and applied with the form and nature bestowal skill, let out a dim light.

It looked just like a pumpkin with lamp inside.

Iyaa, though I suspected that it would fail, it is a nice tool indeed. I mean, I really understand the possibilities for this to happen...

It is not just with the lamp, there's even countless sharp thorns growing on the stalk of the melon with which I buried the shitotsuken. It's look like, this skill will grant any kind of nature to the plant from the tools.

It is a skill with unlimited possibilities.

But, I do not know how to utilize it effectively in practice. If I make a shining melon by using a lamp and consume it, it would feel like eating a lamp. It would be the more likely feeling to be experienced.

「Uhm, it has amazing flavor.」

When I eat the melon which is bestowed with Apple, it had an apple-like flavor with the texture of the melon.

This is a new flavor and, it's not that delicious. But it might have opened a new field of food that would depend on the combination being employed.

The one that was bestowed with walnut had become a fruit covered with hard shell and exuded a walnut-like aroma. As expected, matching food with food is a good thing.

As for the other melon that was bestowed with a magic crystal of fire, its external appearance didn't change. But I got the feeling that it'll burn quite well if it was ignited.

The practicality aside, I harvested the melons since the results were quite interesting. On returning to the inn, I recorded which melon was bestowed with what nature on paper.

### Part 3

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「Ah, please look, Eiji-san. It's growing so much.」

I returned to the inn and while adding the soil [rich with microbes], I saw Marie in the kitchen garden.

Marie, who bent over the field that couldn't produce crops until now, noticed me and raised just her face..

「Though this field couldn't be used so far, why now of all time?」

While asking that question, a cheerful and delighted expression appeared on her face rather than curiosity.

This kid who helped on this place was the best.

Especially, her delighted expression due to the revival of the field.

I explained the situation to Marie and taken out the soil that I brought.

Marie was staring in amazement at the soil while I told her.

「Marie-chan, if you mix this soil in that field, it might restore the field in a while. If it becomes difficult for plants to grow again, you can use the soil that I bring from the forest. Of course, you must be careful when you do that」

「I was never aware of the fact that you can use it in that manner. Were you working in an agricultural job before you came to this place, Eiji-san ?

「No, it's not like that, uhm, it was just that I happened to hear a little about this from some farmers」

「You're a cultured person aren't you, Eiji-san. ....Okay, let's do this ! 」

And then, with just the two of us, we started the work of mixing the soil.

We were doing it silently while chatting intermittently in the middle of our work.

During our chat, Marie took a long time to explain about what she would use this field for. She was really enjoying this after all. If she enjoyed it this much, I can expect about what she will do in the future.

When doing this kind of work, the time does pass surprisingly fast. When I noticed the time after the work had ended, it was already late.

Marie wiped her sweat with her arms to avoid the dirt from smearing on her face and then bowed while smiling humbly.

「Thank you very much, Eiji-san」

「You're welcome, Marie-chan. I'll also look at their condition occasionally.」

「Yes. Let's do our best, and RAISE THEM ! 」

I'm all fired up since it was the start of another enjoyable work.

# Chapter 53: [Government Secret Agency And Magic Tool Maker]

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## Part 1

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A while after that, I'm practically not doing anything special.

I'm in no hurry to do some gardening. This means that I'm enjoying the slow life after returning.

Well, since I've no need to worry about the smaller things, I have no intention to mind about anything now.

There's a saying that "Carefree time can't continue forever". I have been relaxed for quite a long time. So it feels like I would need to do something soon. For example, check about my custom accessory.

「Yosh, I shall see the progress」

Therefore, I travelled towards Phillipe's magic tool workshop.

I entered into the door which is not locked even today and sent a greeting. Leaving aside the merchandise displayed near the entrance, I moved towards the interior portion of the workshop. In that place was the figure of Phillipe who held his tools while wrenching and striking a bracelet.

「Oo~h, it seems it'll be done soon」

When I greeted him, the hand that was moving stopped for a while. Phillipe turned his head and pointed his sharp line of sight towards me.

「It's Eiji huh. You came at the right time. It seems that I can finish it by today.」

「O~h, really. That's cool, then allow me to wait for a while. I want to see my newly made accessory.」

「No problem. But, try to be quiet so that you won't distract me.」

「It's okay, I'm not a child you know.」

Phillipe laughed when he saw my face and then resumed his work. Though I wanted to ask what the meaning of that laugh was, I shut my mouth since he started working on the bracelet with a tool that looked like a tweezer, which shined at its pointed end, with a serious expression.

Screwdriver-like tools and pincer-like tools, something similar to sandpaper sheet, there are so many tools on top of the working table. It seems he makes magic tools by using these equipment.

The raw materials are also on the table. The core of Manticore and the other materials have already lost their original form and have started to take the shape of the tools. Some of the materials looked disordered at first glance starting with the watery, jelly-like material that was used to bind things gathered.

Sometimes his movement looked delicate, other times his actions were coarse. The manufacturing process seemed to be a splendid work even in the eyes of an amateur. The activity of watching an experienced manufacture made me feel good. I was looking silently at his work for a while after that. Finally, Phillipe raised his face.

「A bit more and it'll be done」

「O~h, that's great. I have really come at the right time, haven't I?. Nevertheless, you're really skillful. I wish my hand can move that skillfully.」

## **Part 2**

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「It's not something to brag about. Rather, the considerations for the design of the tool and the actual process of manufacturing the desired magic tool. But, there are so many things to consider apart from the necessary points above... And Eiji, you brought that to me.」

「I see. If that was the case, I am grateful.」

「Yeah, me too」

「Ah, you are just honestly thanking me...」

When he said that with a serious look, I was troubled on how to react to it. Since it's almost completed, I noticed his slightly admiring attitude towards me. This one also didn't explicitly say his gratitude.

When I'm thinking about that while I looking at the red hair of Phillipe who was about to go back to his work again, the sound of the door being opened reached my ears.

When I turned to look towards the entrance, three persons quickly entered the..... GEH.

「Well, well, to think that I would meet the most unexpected person at the place of the magic tools maker.」

The person spoke with a mocking tone. The one looking towards my direction was none other than Grael Treize. The attitude of this man, who wore a big white collar when I had met him some time ago, didn't change even in the slightest.

「It's been a while, Grael-san. You're looking for magic tools too ?  
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But, since I didn't have any kind of dispute with him until now, I replied normally. I did not even intend to show a rough attitude.

He said that he would teach me some lesson but, he hasn't done anything yet. If it ended up peacefully and was left as a joke, then it would be for the best.

「Why must I have to tell that to someone like you? That aside, what are you doing in this place? The one I have business today is with that man.」

Grael walked until he arrived in front of Phillipe while brushing me away who came to greet him with a natural movement. Though I am already trying to resolve the misunderstanding

peacefully, this guy's truly~.

「It's been a while, Phillipe. I'm astonished that you still doing such shabby work in this kind of place」

Phillipe looked at Grael with a sidelong glance but returned to his work again while answering him,「What do you want? I already have cut my relationship with people of secret agent, what made you to come to this place? 」

「Geez, you're same as ever huh. Know a bit about something like social position.」

「I don't know about something like that, at least, the current Grael isn't in the same chain of command with me. So, I have no need to hear you jabbering」

Phillipe took his stand right away.

Are they acquaintances? It seems that they're not in good terms with each other. I can clearly discern that feeling.

「I discovered something during the investigation. Since that useless chap is complaining that analyzing it is impossible, I came to let you to analyze it. Well, this is the item.」

### **Part 3**

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Several items like short sword and sphere are being placed on top of the desk.

「The item investigation of secret agent huh..... Fu~h. I see, you understand what I like huh. Interesting, I'll do that later. Come another day.」

「N? I couldn't hear it properly, did I just mishear it? Though I specially came to this place, what do you mean by another day? 」

Grael furrowed his eyebrows while glaring at Phillipe.

「Do it now, Phillipe.」

「I refuse. The work that I do now is at the best part. Though the

item that you brought interesting by my evaluation, I'll do it only at my own pace.]

「Even if it's this great me's order? 」

「This kind of thing is what I hate the most. That's why I left the court service. Though when I was in the organization that time, I was not obliged to obey the order of higher-ups since I was in an independent division. I'll make the item that I want to make and will investigate the item that I want to investigate. That's my style. But, if you're coming as an『Ordinary guest』, I'll examine them only after I get interested in the magic tools or the treasures that are brought.」

On the contrary, Phillipe looked at Grael with eyes as if scoffing at him.

Grael's expression became crooked.



# Chapter 54: [Toward The Completion Of The Magic Tool]

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## Part 1

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Grael didn't seem to be pleased with the words of 『Ordinary customer』. He said the following words with twitching lips and a crooked expression.

「Oi Phillipe, You don't seem to understand your position huh.」

When Grael raised his hand, the two silver knight attendants walked and stood in front of him, weapon in their hand and blocked Phillip from both sides.

A threat. Geez, they know no bounds huh.

「Turning to violence when you lost a justified reason huh? As expected, how very like the great government secret agency.」

Oyoy, stop with your provocation in this kind of situation, Phillipe.

Geez, I wonder why a peace-loving person is so rare in this world?

Ha~.....It can't be helped then, I'll become the mediator for these two.

「Hey, hey, calm down a little, Phillipe. Grael-san too, since Phillipe is a stubborn person, words don't have too much effect on him. So, please speak a little softer and polite.」

「Are you giving your opinion to me, you lowly adventurer?」

「Back off, Eiji. You better not meddle in this.」

And then, I was rebuked by both. Yeah, somehow they gave that kind of feeling.

「No, this kind of talk doesn't belong to providing opinion or

meddling when you've a dispute in this kind of place where there are dangerous material and tools. How about calming yourself first or having a compromise ——」

「It's decided, I had said that I'll teach you a lesson someday, right adventurer? Though I had decided to overlook your existence today since I had another business, I'll give you a bitter lesson now. Oy, both of you, teach him a painful lesson ! 」

~EEEEEEEEEEEEEH!

Don't be so short tempered!?

Aren't you saying that you will not be my opponent today ! Then stick with your words till the end !

Without minding even the scream inside my head, the two heartless silver knights are coming towards me with their specialized weapons. It seems their target has completely changed to myself.

..... Well, whatever.

It'll be troublesome if they continue to pester me, I should show them once.

I invoke the 【Guard Enchant】Skill.

And then, I moved quickly towards the shop side (the store where the tools are sold) from the workshop. Though this place is also troublesome, it has relatively more space when compared to the workshop.

The two silver knights rushed toward me while making “gashagasha” sound. As soon as I stopped, one of them came bashing at me with the handle of his spear.

I directly received the strike on my flank.

..... Though I felt a little impact, I got almost no damage. With my original status, my defense, which was strengthened due to the skill, surpassed the attack power of the silver knight.

「You really came to hit me huh」

I thought that it was just a threat, but if they were really serious on attacking me, then I won't be so kind either.

Though I have no intention to go all out, I have no obligation to hold back either.

The silver knight kept following me and came for another attack with his spear's handle. But, I won't obediently let myself to get thrashed. Since I had already confirmed the speed of the spear's handle, I seized it with one hand right before it hit me.

The silver knight tried to regain his spear from my hand with a surprised expression, but the spear isn't moving in the slightest. I put a bit of my power into my arm quickly. The body of the silver knight lifted into the air easily.

Though the knight is struggling to regain his spear with both of his hands, it won't come off from my hand. I knew the difference of our power with his first attack, in this case, his struggle is futile.

And then, when I raised him high enough in the air, I lightly swing him down back to the ground.

His armor made a gaudy sound, and a soft groan could be heard from inside his helmet.

「Kuh ! 」

The other silver knight who was waiting on the side came to attack me quickly with magic. The bullet of magic was hurled towards me, moreover, it's too slow. I faced the hurling magical power.

When the two energies clashed in the air, the one fired by the silver knight dissipated, my magic penetrated his magic and grazed his armor.

The silver knight stopped moving due to the surprise—— In that

instant, I moved closer to that silver knight, charged toward his chest and poked my finger on the gap of his helmet.

He leaked a scared 「Ah.....Uh.....」 voice from inside his helmet, and sat down on that place as if his knees had grown weak.

「Well then,」

I turned to the direction where Grael was standing.

「I wonder what kind of lesson you are trying to teach me...」

「Wha..... What the hell are you.....」

After turning around, when I advanced one step, Grael started stepping back.

「Your guards already attacked me but Grael-san is still in good shape, aren't you? I'll keep you company as much as you want」

When I advanced one step again, Grael retreated by another step.

A frightened expression floated on his face.

「S-STOP ! DON'T COME ! 」

「Didn't you say that you're going to teach me some lesson? Or else, is it just all talk and you actually can't do anything by yourself?」

「Y-You, How dare a person of lowly birth like you underestimate me—— Ah, no, that's not it, STOP ! Please stop ! 」

### **Part 3**

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When I stopped my feet, he outstretched his hand in front of his face, and started pleading.

I took one deep breath and stopped my feet.

「If you can't do it by yourself, you shouldn't do it from the beginning. Please leave this place today. It's not like I said that I didn't hear your business, please come back another time.」

Grael showed an expression that was somewhere between relief

and disgrace. While chewing on his lips, he headed towards the direction of the entrance while kicking the silver knight.

Good grief, finally returned huh. With this, I should have given him a good reason to give up on trying to teach me some lesson though.

It was at the moment when I felt relieved for the time being.

The door opened for the second time.

The one entering was the collector noble, Kohl Eunos.

「Oh, Grael-kun. What a coincidence. Moreover there's Eiji-kun too..... Hn? What did just happen? 」

「You come at the right place, Kohl-dono ! That adventurer is using violence and is impolite too. That guy is dangerous, please arrest him ! 」

.....HUH?

This jerk, what the hell is he blabbering at this late hour.

Kohl looked at my direction. I denied it by quickly waving my hands.

「Well, it's because they're the one who attacked first, I just disabled them for self-protection. The one who is using violence and being impolite is Grael-san's side.」

「Ah, That's right. Kohl-san, you should know it better right? 」

Phillipe also following for me. Grael's side is denying us.

「Kohl-dono, the words of this kind of low birth isn't worth to be heard. Please, give your verdict to them ! 」

Kohl is looking at both sides. Then he placed his hand on his well-ordered beard and showed a pensive look on his face. Moreover, though he was standing still for a while due to Grael who was insisting that his words were justified, he opened his mouth as if to interrupt Grael.

「I see, both sides are providing contradictory statements. If we want to punish the bad person and to determine which side is saying the truth, it seems we have no choice but to examine it thoroughly.」

「Something like that isn't necessary, me and them, you should know better which side is right one isn't it, Kohl-dono. Do you think I'll be lying to you ! 」

「I don't know the whole story, Graael-kun. At any rate, since I was not in this place, I don't even know which side is saying the truth. In that case, we need a thorough investigation to understand the case, find the evidence which can't be got rid of, the point is, for the bad to be formally condemned in the middle of crowd, we must know the core events surrounding the disturbance.」

After Kohl slowly spoke those dignified words, he peered into Graael's eyes. Maybe because Graael noticed that he's at disadvantages situation, he shakes his head while looking downward.

#### **Part 4**

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「.....No, I can't let myself to bring that much trouble to Kohl-dono. Therefore, I'm fine if you just deal with the involved party. Excuse me ! 」

Graael disappeared from sight while chewing his lips in vexation. His retainer knights also left the store with tottering steps.

After Kohl saw them off, he walked towards the interior of the store while shrugging his shoulder. And then, after sitting on the chair on the side of working table, he started to speak.

「That was a disaster isn't it, Eiji-kun. For you to get involved with him. The one at fault might be him after all」

「Yeah, I'm glad that you gave us your trust. Is he also Kohl-san's acquaintance ? 」

「Of course, because they usually visit to do things like investigate the treasure in the custody of the temple or perform investigation of the Paienne labyrinth. It seems today is also the same kind of job. I already knew about his personality. That's why I was able to guess, to some extent, that the matter was caused by him. He's an annoying person.」

While smiling wryly, Kohl looked at Phillipe.

「How about you, Phillipe-kun. Though it's a meeting after a long time for you too, how's your impression?」

「Same as ever, I had confirmed again. Thank God for stopping him」

When Phillipe was spitting his annoyance, Kohl laughed while holding his side. Phillipe continued his work while letting out a sigh.

「Yeah, that's it. You're right. Working in that kind of place definitely isn't suited for Phillipe-kun. Even I think that, the way of that place is going to "you can do as you please" 」

「Uhm, are you an acquaintance? Moreover, Phillipe and Graelsan too...」

When I asked that question, Phillipe shifted his gaze at Kohl. Kohl nodding and starting to speak.

According to that, Phillipe was formerly a country affiliated magic tool maker and belonged to the government secret agency. Analysis of the treasure or production of its replica, things like creation of magic tools never seen before, being engaged in the cutting-edge magic tools skill were part of his tasks.

Moreover, they discovered his talent at the age of 15, which meant that the envy and expectation placed upon him was great.

But, eventually due to his superior skills, and the fact that he can't even make a magic tool as he liked, Graelsan couldn't tolerate it anymore. He wanted his own workshop to work the way he

wanted. So it seems that he resigned from the government secret agency and became an independent in this place.

「At that time, it was said that it was a completely wasteful story, right Phillipe-kun?」

「As for me, I think it's not a waste that he came to this place. Well, my head and arms will only be rotting in that place」

Kohl was smiling as his body jolted again. What a nice uncle-like smile.

But, I wonder what was his situation.

Certainly, as far as I saw his previous exchange with Graael, Phillipe was not the type of person that will get along with the place where influential people are free to do as they like.

Or might be because it'll be considerably hard to do his business. But, well, that part is being covered by the quality.

「Finally, Kohl-san, who was originally a rare item collector and who frequented the government secret agency, heard my story of resignation and he invited me to come to this place. He also came back to this city to govern it. This place has a labyrinth nearby, there are rare item collectors and adventurers too. Since that's the case, it was not a bad environment to work as a magic tool maker. Thus, I set up a workshop in this place.」

While Phillipe was telling his story, his work inched closer to the final stage, and he kept moving his hands to make the magic tool——.



# Chapter 55: [Unexpected Drinking Companion?]

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## Part 1

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「He~, so there's such a connection between you two. That surprised me.」

Phillipe and Kohl unexpectedly were acquaintances already. Kohl laughed heartily as he heard my words.

「HAHAHA, even if it's me, it just means that there's an excellent magic tool maker I chose to save. Even today's visit is to receive such judgement. Though I wish to revise it, it looks like it won't be finished by tod——」

「No, there's no need to do that」

Phillipe blew some air up on the beautiful bracelet with a wind tool, thereupon did a check on the minute details with a magnifying glass and nodded in satisfaction.

「It's done. If you use it, you can nullify almost all of the nullifying spell's effect\*. It'll be useful when you're against an opponent who possesses something like magic resistance.」[TL\*: Counter for dispel]

「OOH ! He~, This is it huh. It's a good one right, the feeling of the material, I like it.」

With pale yellow color with a tint of silver and smooth matte texture, the bracelet felt as if it was familiar with your arm but still gave a powerful feeling on wearing it. My parasite will be unstoppable with this and, I can use sorcery as much as I want. Definitely, a magic tool that suits me perfectly.

「Report how you feel when using it later.」

「Yeah, understood. Though you said it's free, if I want to pay for

it, just how much would the market price for it be.」

「You can pay according to your own convenience. I'm currently satisfied, I do not care about such trivial matters.」

Phillipe stood from his chair and started stretching his back. After filling his cup with water, he drank it at once with a contented face.

「Hou, that's an amusing bracelet huh. Will you let me to see it for a while? 」

As expected, he has sharp eyes. I started to explain about the bracelet to Kohl who shifted his attention to my arm.

I showed it to Kohl. After I heard just how much effort and dedication Phillipe had put into it, I wore the bracelet and returned to the inn.

My face unintentionally loosened when I looked at the fitting light yellow bracelet on my left arm. The design of ivy and leaf carved on it was so exquisite that just the appearance alone made me desire to use it. It seems that Phillipe is the type that fusses over the appearance too. Good then.

Nevertheless, I had suffered so much from the beginning of the development till I obtained it. I want to test it quickly to determine just how strong the effect is. It would have been better if the knights had come after its completion. I would have been able to test it, but the timing was bad.

But, I know where they were in this city.

If I looked at the high-class inn in the city or loiter around such places, it seems I'll meet them there. I am in no rush but, I am looking forward to it.

## Part 2

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The next day, I'm searching for the silver knights while purchasing daily necessities. Though, I did expect the fact that I

would not find them at once.

I thought that the possibility of finding them will be reasonable since the shopping district is the gathering place for the people. The noble won't come himself but, since the knight is underling-like, they'll be taking care of the shopping by themselves.

But the problem is whether they'll be wearing their armor at such time.

I finished my shopping but, I didn't see those silver knights. That's disappointing, it seems that I can't see them right away. So, for the time being, I'll go back and search for them after lunch. Thus, I entered the nearby dining room.

And then, when I am scouting for an open table...

He's right in front of me.

The man who wore the silver armor.

He's at the table in the corner of the diner, it seems he was eating while enjoying liquor. Though I already expected that they'll unfasten their helmet, they still wear the armor huh. I guess that is their uniform? Or is it for them to always be combat ready?

But, how can it be.

I am happy that he appeared just at the right moment, but it's still difficult to approach him. That matter just happened yesterday. He might still resent me. This is such a rare chance, not going would be too wasteful.

While I was hesitating, the silver knight moved his face and his eyes met with mine. Both of us were momentarily stunned. Even the other party seemed bewildered with my reaction. I decided to lower my head for the time being. Moreover, the other party also lowered his head along with me.

When I slightly approached him, the other party also stood from his chair. The atmosphere to exchange words was complete.

「Eh..... Uhm, hello. Good morning.」

「Ah, yeah. Thank you for yesterday.」

Both sides terribly fumbled around with how to greet the other party. What's with this atmosphere.

「Ah, please suit yourself.」

「Ah, yes. Thank you for telling me.」

Since the silver knight offered the opposite seat, I gladly took it. I order the croque-monsieur style food to the passing waitress. And then, I decide to face the silver knight till the meal comes. This atmosphere made me want to go back.

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「Iyaa, it's really cruel you know, even the other day, I was summoned late at night——」

### Part 3

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It became a development which is totally different from the one that I thought. When I started talking to him, he had just started to drink. When the alcohol entered plenty enough, the silver knight entered grumbling mode, moreover, I was reduced to become a mere machine who gave an appropriate answer.

「That's quite troublesome, right」

「Yeah, that's really troublesome, you know. In reality, that mind ignorant to the common sense is just, haaaaaa..... Nevertheless, the previous incident is quite regretful, for us to suddenly rush in...」

「No, don't mind it, I'm already okay with it. I'm sorry for throwing you too. Are you injured? 」

「No, I'm okay. Baccuse my only redeeming feature is this sturdy body of mine ! 」

The knight who took off his helmet was giving off an appearance

that could be termed as a good and refreshing young man. His age isn't that much different from mine probably. His face had turned red due to the liquor and spoke with a loud voice.

「No, I really apologize for that. Grael-sama's selfishness is to the point that even we are at a loss to determine what to do. Even so, disobeying him with our position is..... I'm really sorry for that incident.」

「It's nothing, please stop it since I really understand your position.」

When I urged the silver knight whose head hung low as if apologizing to raise his face, he raised his face with more vigor than I expected, and his knee hit the table and spilled the food.

Aa~h geez, this is how a daytime drunkard is.

「Though my family isn't that much prosperous, I somehow managed to get into the government secret agency. I might even make my brothers proud if I leave some achievement, when I think of having a nice life as the noble of some rural land, I forced myself to endure it.」

「That's quite a troublesome boss for you, right. Aren't you busy lately? How long will you be staying in this place?」

「Recently, there's been quite a lot of tasks. Besides moving to various places nearby with Grael-sama, lately I have more devotion than before while investigating about treasures. Things like the way to pull out the power of the treasure, and the meeting along with the temple side going well, it seems there's some kind of big movement surrounding all this. They say it has something to do with the Eye of Akasha. Of course, I, who's a mere plus-like convoy person has no knowledge about it.」

The silver knight let out a self-mocking smile. On hearing these words, I recalled Kohl's words.

『There's a guilty feeling for troubling someone due to the

momentary selfishness of a man. Which means that they're the one who's in control of power in government secret agency. So, there's a worry in their post itself.』

They might somehow or another make their move. And addition, in this city.

I wonder what these mysterious things that they're trying to do are, it's pricking my curiosity.

I drank the cup with liquor inside while my wild delusion expanded non-stop. Though I do not drink on normal occasions, I'll drink when I am encouraged a bit. By the way, the silver knight already drank around three times of my portion. For him to drink from noon, he must be quite stressed with the pressure from his job.

「BUHHAAA~ ! Iyaa, it feels great. I'm glad to have reached an understanding with Eiji-san ! Yesterday's enemy is today's friend, right ! 」

「EH? Ah, of course it's true. Come to think of it, if you came to this place for investigation, are you going to labyrinth ? 」

「Yeah, we've such a plan.」

「Please be careful, the monsters become much stronger for every layer, because there's also the transfer trap, it's better for you to gather information regarding this kind of trap to at least the bare minimum.」

「OOOo—、Thank you very much for the advice— ! 」

## Part 4

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His tension is really high. Even his character turned to be unusual.

「It's okay, there won't be any mistakes. I'll be watchful in the same way as this armor. Even so, thank you for the remainder ! 」

And then, our conversation went on for a while after we finished

with our lunch. And then when I leave my seat, I presented my hand.

「By all means, please treat me well from now on.」

As we did a handshake naturally—— I invoked my parasite skill. Though I sensed a repulsion for a moment, that feeling disappeared in a moment. And then, parasite, SUCCESS.

A golden thread of light connected my hand to the hand of the silver knight. Anti Dispel succeeded. Parasite info also operated to give me the information about the knight.

【Paladin・28】

Paladin !

Truly sounds like an advance job, this seemingly could be a powerful one. I've gained a new class after a long time which looks like a strong one too, it seems that it was worthwhile to make the bracelet.

We left the store together as both of us were satisfied in different ways.

Though his step was tottering after we separated, since his defence power is high, he should be okay even if something happened to him, yeah.

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【Paladin 0→2】

The next day, it appeared mid air when I was reading the loaned book in my room.

「It came right away」

The knight had definitely entered the labyrinth.

The government secret agency is saying something like “dungeon is also their jurisdiction“, the more they fought in this manner, the more it will give a conspicuous raise to my new class.

# Chapter 56: [Risa Haruna And Alie]

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## Part 1

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【Paladin 10→12】

Hmmhmm~, it's growing splendidly.

Do your best silver knight.

I have been spending several days within the room of the inn while enjoying the new class' level ups. It was also raining heavily in these few days.

Nevertheless, this moment is a delightful one no matter how many times I experience it.

Knock, knock.

「N?」

During this relaxing early afternoon time, someone is knocking at the door of the room. That's rare, who could be the one that has come as my guest.

I raised from my bed, walked to the entrance and opened the door.

「It's been a while, Eiji-kun.」

The one standing there was the golden-haired, blue-eyed vampire, Risa Haruna.

「If I can't get the things I need in Snori, I occasionally come out for shopping.」

「Oh, so that was the reason. Certainly, or rather, items of different shops tend to be a little different, right? 」

I sit on the bed, and request Risa Haruna to sit on the chair. Since no one ever came, there's nothing but one chair. I wonder if I



should buy another one.

「Yeah. Metal products and edged tools aren't sold over there [Snori]. After I came to this place, I thought of seeing your face too.」

「I'm honored for that.」

After saying such a joke-like answer, Risa Haruna smiled and shifted her line of sight to the window outside. Risa Haruna was using her plain village girl style for today too. The simple-colored flared skirt does match her very well. No wonder no one could even guess that she is a vampire.

.....Come to think of it.

「Say Risa Haruna-san, even though you are a vampire, are you still fine without sucking blood?」

「Though intake of blood becomes a necessity for the preservation of my power, I don't need it to preserve my life. Though I have not been sucking human blood after living amongst them, I'm still alive. Although, my strength is a mere shadow of what it was during the peak of my power」

「You could already beat monsters easily, so if you become even stronger than that... 」

「Want to try it out, with your blood?」

「No thank you ! Let me decline that offer, please ! 」

When I waved my hands in a hurry, Risa Haruna made an amused smile, and is now looking at the interior of the room.

## Part 2

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「Nevertheless, this truly is a tasteless room, isn't it. There isn't even a single piece of decoration.」

「Well, it's an inn's room after all. By nature, it's not a place for staying for a long time, isn't it.」

「It would become good-looking if you just put up a flower as a decoration. Even a doll will look good in this place」

「No, the doll is a bit... Come to think of it, how did you know that I'm staying in this place? 」

「I met your adventure acquaintance at the guild and he told me about this place. I told them that I wanted to thank you for completing the commission.」

I see. It might have been Wendy or George.

Knock, knock.

「Huh? 」

The door is being knocked again.

The strange thing keeps happening again. I was wondering who it might be when, 「Good day, Eiji-sama. Since I had a task in this area, and though I felt that I might be troubling you if I came suddenly, I decided to stop by.」

The one who appeared was Alie. Wearing a refreshing one piece, though her choice is different from Risa Haruna, it matches her very well.

「This voice, is it Alie?」

「Huh!? 」

Alie was stunned by the unexpected female voice. When Risa Haruna appearing from my back, she was even more surprised.

「Risa Haruna-sama. Why are you in Eiji-sama's room?」

「Uhm, I wonder why? 」

Why and how did it become like this?, I can't help but have that kind of feeling for a moment. But, Alie started to look at me and Risa Haruna alternatively with an earnest expression.

「Eh, why are worried about that? 」

「Hahaha. Well, please enter the room without worry. I just

dropped by to have a chat about the society while I had something to do in Laurel.] [Risaharuna]

「What's that, so it was something like this, right. Then, please excuse me.」

Alie entered my room after being invited by Risa Haruna. I wonder why Risa Haruna's taking control over the situation. Well, there's nothing and it's a good thing too.

Since Risa Haruna was sitting on the chair, I offered the bed to Alie.

I am also sitting on the bed, so I offered the place next to me to Alie. I feel sorry for it for a bit but, it can't be helped since there is no other place to sit.

「The bed, is it? 」

「Yeah, I feel bad for it but I have no other chair, sorry.」

「No problem ! It's definitely not bad at all. I also feel sorry and nervous for sitting on the place where Eiji-sama would sleep. .... Fu~, then excuse me.」

### Part 3

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Alie lowered her waist slowly. Seemingly unable to calm herself even after sitting down, Alie's gaze wandered throughout the interior of my room.

「This place is Eiji-sama's room, isn't it. ....」

Then Alie, who was looking around in silence, nodded with an expressionless face without saying anything.

Won't she speak anything at all? I thought that she would say something like her impression about the room but, even if it's a place that you're quite admiring, please stop with that couldn't-be-read reaction !

「By the way, I wonder why you came to this place, Alie-kun? If

you have a date after this, then I'll excuse myself so that I won't become a hindrance for both of you.」

「D-Date!? Something like that is.....」

「If that's the case, will you have a date with me after this, Eiji-kun?」

「EH!?」 「EH!?」

In response to Risa Haruna's words, Alie and I blurted out at the same time. Risa Haruna 's saying that while smiling in seemingly good meaning.

「Since it's been a while, it's not so bad to seeing around for a bit isn't it. The tour guide was interesting person, isn't it」

「Ah, if that's the case. Let me have the honor to guide you.」

「Me too ! I'll also help you as your guide, Risa Haruna-sama. 」

「Certainly, that's my intention.」

Though Alie has just come, since she had no other business in my room, we left the room and went outdoors.

A lively atmosphere had enveloped the city after the rain that had always been pouring down stopped. We're touring the city to visit places like plazas, the clock tower, restaurants, stores, and then went towards the temple.

Sama as before, the white temple is releasing majestic aura. This makes the temple quite conspicuous in the middle of the city. It does not have that much value for me, though.

The personage that I never hear or see, not even know who it is, is being feared huh. After knowing the true nature, even if it's the God, the illusion starts vanishing.

But, even if the illusion has vanished, the beauty of the temple hasn't.

「The temple of Laurel is large and beautiful, isn't it. It should

have been constructed in the period where the feudal lords were still believers and had tremendous faith, right」

Alie looked up at the pillar with the engravings. On the other hand, Risa Haruna was looking at the statue of the Goddess.

「They did a nice job for the statue of this Goddess. It seems alive.」

「Certainly, it is a piece of wonderful craftsmanship. Even the finer details of the Goddess have been sculpted perfectly.」

Alie also looked at the statue of the Goddess and nodded in agreement.

It is almost at the level of reproduction of the Goddess' real life figure. Because the skill【God Letter】is a combination of skills from two classes, it won't be strange even if the people who possessed it are few in number. If by some chance, the person who saw her is the one who carved this, that person might have left behind a picture. [ ED: It implies that the statue looks like a picture of the Goddess]

## Part 4

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「Yeah. It certainly is very realistic.」

Risa Haruna nodded very earnestly.

It seems she does feel like that too.

At that time, a priest who was wearing a tall hat and a loose vestment, hurriedly enter into the temple as if in a hurry while the sun light reflected something in his bosom.

Naturally, there are Priests in the temple, they would provide a sermon to the one who comes inside, or maybe, there are many place in the temple which is off-limits except for authorized personnel. I heard that the height of their hat seemingly had something to do with the hierarchy of their positions.

I thought about that while my eyes chased after the running

priest.

「I wonder how the interiors are. Maybe, it has a place for ascetic practices or has the office of the priest」

「Yes, typically. In addition, there's a treasure vault too.」

「Treasure ? 」

「Ah. It was said by the person who came to collect that lance. Right, it seems it is under the custody of the temple of Laurel. I don't know if they're still keeping it since even if it's broken, a treasure is still a treasure.」

「Certainly, the adventurers who coveted for that treasure, there must be many of them in every temple.」

「It's very fascinating but, even though you're a noble, is Alie not interested in it?」

「Yes. On the contrary, even among the people of government secret agency or the temple, only a part of them can go into the vault. In addition, a justification is needed, and personal use is strictly prohibited.」

They're giving that much importance, huh.

While looking at the interior of the temple, Risa Haruna, no, the three of us were imagining what kind of the treasure we would be able to see inside.

「Depending on how it is used, it could become dangerous. Moreover, quite a lot of them tend to escape human control. You witnessed it in person, right Eiji ? That night, you...」

「Certainly, it sure was beyond human control.」

There's an unbelievably valuable item in the place that is unexpectedly close to me. I am currently in such a place, and I wish to see it at least once, what they call as the treasure vault. The scene of watching treasure chests containing gold and silver spread everywhere on opening the door of the vault, it makes one yearn

for it for sure.

「It does make you want to see what is inside.」

「I want to see it too.」

Thinking that my mind was interested and familiar with mysteries, I somehow nodded along with Alie who, for some reason, was thinking about the same thing as me.

Risa Haruna also took the opportunity to nod her head. This person tags along splendidly, doesn't she...

# Chapter 57: [Mud]

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## Part 1

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【Name】Eiji Choukai

【Class】Parasite 36 Mercenary 16 Mage 18 Swordman 16  
Priest 23 Hunter 16 Shaman 25 Fighter 15 Miner 20 Thief  
21 Spirit User 20 Enchanter 22 Farmer 21 Paladin 13

【Stamina】256

【Attack】244

【Defense】271

【Magic】251

【Magic Attack】250

【Magic Defense】282

【Agility】231

【Skills】Shield Mastery; Armor Mastery; Regeneration;  
Form and Nature Bestowal; The Best Spear; Blade Shield;  
Magic Barrier; Magical Power Ball; Enhance Hit; Enhance  
Sorcery; Curse of Weakness; Law of All; Scene of Fire;  
Farming Tools Mastery; Indomitable; Judgement(Earth);  
Nutrient; Conversion; Barrier; Counter Spell; Speed Boost;  
Status Drain; [Sokusei Saibai](#); Judgement(Plant).....

[TL\* : 促成栽培-Raising out-of-season crops with artificial heat]

Recently, the amount of experience that I gained with parasite has increased. Paladin is also growing steadily, all these things makes one want to continue with this kind of lifestyle, right.

The adventurers who have been affected with parasite are growing. Though it's quite difficult to raise the level from the



second half of Level 10, it gets raised without a hitch until that point.

Compared to the time before I went to Snori where I met Risa Haruna, I think I have grown too.

Since Risa Haruna had come to Laurel this time, we had gathered at the temple together and are currently touring the other places of the city after that event. [last event from prev. chapter].

Later, Risa Haruna, who had finished with her errand, decided to return to the village. After seeing her off on a coach, Alie and I were walking back to our respective residences.

At that time, someone was walking at a quick pace in front of us. It was a young man with neatly combed down hair, Grael Treize.

Grael suddenly stopped with those muddy shoes right before us, and he shook his head as if to move the hair that was covering his eyes.

「Regarding the previous matter, they were just small fries. Don't get so cocky, adventurer.」

That's too absurd.

As expected, he's confused isn't he. As for what I feel..... Maybe because he loses his cool and provokes me whenever we meet each other, he could be considered to be a peculiar one. But, those were some cruel words regarding that silver knight.

Grael greeted toward Alie without even waiting for my answer.

「Yo, Alie. Are you going with this person again? Your dignity is falling you know, and for the sake of your house too, my advice is, stop doing these careless acts.」

The first thing he says after opening his mouth is, THAT.

Thought I thought that he might have understood his lesson from the previous workshop incident, that did not happen.

Though he had seen my power from the front seat during that

time, it seems he had forgotten about it.

Yareyare.

「Thank you for your words but I won't accept it, Grael-sama. I will also think about myself clearly.」

## Part 2

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「Fu, strong willed as ever. For you to say these words to me..... Well, I think it's only natural if you don't understand anything. But, you'll know immediately. My power. You can think of flattering me right now rather than flattering me later you know.」

While saying that, Grael stretched his hand toward Alie's black and glossy hair. But Alie nonchalantly twisted her body while controlling and softly said,「I won't flatter you even later」.

That was a superb manoeuvre.

Grael pretended to be calm on the surface while his hand dangled a bit awkwardly on the air, and then laughed lightly.

After breathing roughly as if he wanted to erase that kind of atmosphere, he said,「When you act like that, it makes me want to force you with all my power you know. Fufu, sooner or later you'll know my power right away without even saying it. I'm looking forward to that time.」

Saying so, he left with a quick pace.

Alie and I were left alone, looking at each other blankly.

「Though I was planning to scold him a bit with the previous quarreling event, it seems I was too naive, wasn't I. For him to be such a [sour grapes](#).」

[ED: used to refer to an attitude in which someone adopts a negative attitude to something because they cannot have it themselves.]

「Because humans won't change their attitude that easily, right.

.....But Eiji-sama, please don't hold back even if he is just a sour grapes.」

「What do you mean, Alie ? 」

「If he has the power of a treasure, don't make light of him. Ha has a good amount of knowledge in that area as well. Naturally for the story, no matter what, even if he's a noble, he won't gain a permit to use it for a reason as silly as wanting to teach a lesson to the one who made him a bit annoyed, but...」

That's only natural, they won't pamper him.

That's why I think that Grael is just talking big. No matter what the circumstance is, he won't take such risks just because he's angry.

After walking for a while, Alie and I separated our ways and headed toward our respective lodgings.

I returned to the inn doing something that I do frequently in these few days but, when I'm taking a look at the revived field like the other days, I was met with an unusual phenomenon.

「Eh——What's wrong with that」

「I'm sorry..... Eiji-san, though you had already taken so much trouble, it became so absurd.」

The field was splendidly devastated.

The crops are hard to raise in that place, the field can be prepared again but, the crops have been snapped, the roots have been dug out, it's in cruel state.

Marie tidied that place with a listless action as if she wanted to restore the crops.

「What just happened, Marie-chan?」

「I don't know. It was already like this when I saw it. It seems it was devastated by someone but, who was the person who did such cruel thing..... Though it was raised again after such hard work

by Eiji-san.」

Marie feebly hung her head.

But, her hand kept on working at a fixed rhythm. It was as if she wanted to vent her sadness. How can someone do such cruel things to the crops that I had painstakingly raised.

Even if it is not my main occupation, it really is heartbreaking.

### Part 3

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Nevertheless, who the hell did such crue——Don't tell me !

In that moment, the boots that had mud plastered on them floated into my head along with Grael who was showing an unnatural grin to me.

Why did that man have mud on his boots though there was no mud on the place he was walking upon?

「——That jerk ! 」

I started running.

I returned quickly to the place where we encountered each other sometime ago and searched in the vicinity while questioning the people walking there.

Though a noble isn't that rare, they will still stand out, soon I found what I was looking for.

Stretching out my hand, I seized Grael's shoulders from behind while he was walking at the corner of the city.

「Oi!」

「Wha..... It's you huh, what're you going to do, why're you seizing my shoulder?」

「Say to me, you're the one who devastated the field of someone's house, right? That girl was doing her best to plant it, say it, WHAT IS YOUR INTENTION!」

After hearing my question, Grael let out a disgusting smile while showing his teeth.

「Well, what're you talking about? I don't know anything about it.」

「Don't play dumb, then explain what is the mud that is plastered on your boots, in this kind of situation it won't get plastered on your boots just by walking within the town.」

Grael was looking at his feet and nodded slightly.

But his smile didn't vanish.

「I see, it certainly is muddy. But, this mud is plastered from before that. Sometimes, I even forget to check my dress you know, how rude of you. Fufu.」

「What..... ! 」

「You have no proof right ! Something like someone walking with muddy boots is as much as you can look for in the city ! Those guys might be the one you would call as the true culprit ! 」

「.....GUH」

It's certainly a fair reason.

Though no one but this guy would have done that, the evidence is just too weak.

Grael stared at me with a calm and composed face.

I have no choice but to withdraw the power from my hand that was seizing his shoulder.

Grael brushed my hand as he glared at me while correcting his clothes and mocked,「Fuh, this is why those of low birth are so distasteful, they can't even understand such a simple reason. Well, no matter who did it, if the people of your surrounding or you feel unpleasant, there's still the manner of speaking to be considered. The important field that you took care of has been devastated, the stalk was snapped, the root was dug out, hahaha. Rather than

falsely accusing me, how about you restore it quickly? 」

「.....Aren't you talking too detailed as if you saw it yourself?」

「That's just your imagination, imagination. Even if you are 99% sure that I am the one who did it, you still have no evidence right? At last, you've no just reason to make a move on me. Though you think that I'm the one who did that, you can do nothing but see without being able to do anything. It is good right, it feels good, that vexing eyes. Oops, of course, I'm not guilty of doing anything after all.」

## Part 4

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No doubt about it, he's the culprit.

My guess was right on target. But then, since I had no evidence, he became pleased for seeing me with a vexed face while being unable to make a move on him.

Maybe that's why he was wandering aimlessly on a place that could be easily found.

Grael raised an unpleasant laughter, and bumped onto my shoulder as he walked away with a satisfied expression.

——As expected, I really can't overlook him.

Though I can deal with him if it's just me, for him to cause trouble to the inn where I'm staying in, I won't be able to face the inn oyaji and Marie if I just let him off.

Moreover, I'm sick with him for doing all these things.

On the back of Grael who was walking away, a golden line stretched from my hand toward him.

I attached parasite on him.

「Fu..... Fufu, you just stepped over your limit. Then I won't hold back too.」

I invoked the parasite vision skill.

After this, Grael's action would be monitored for 24 hours.

Irrespective of whether it's bedroom, toilet, or at work. And then, I'll expose your secret that can't be shown to others.

Knocking the opponent by his feet without leaving any evidence is also possible for the current me.

But, even if I do that, the pain would be just for a moment.

But, if it's about Grael, I won't even leave him with anything. I'll expose it under bright light, and get it etched into everyone's memory forever.

For that guy, doing something like damaging his vanity was even more painful than damaging his body. That's why I'll smash him in that place.

The crime of devastating my place of well-being is very heavy.

# Chapter 58: [Eye Of Akasha]

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## Part 1

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Grael is currently sitting on his desk while reading a document.

It was about the inspection of magic tools.

He was currently meeting with the priest in the temple.

Though I'm monitoring Grael with the parasite vision, well, his actions are just normal.

There's nothing particularly strange beyond the range of that I can imagine from the job of government secret agency.

Currently he's spending a normal daily life, even during his private time.

But, with that kind of a personality, I think he'll do something sooner or later. Therefore, I kept monitoring him patiently.

Now, the aforementioned Grael is still in the temple.

This is not a particularly strange action.

They've living quarters for someone like Grael in the temple, that place later became his bedroom. Grael often stays in that place.

Grael pulled open the desk in that place.

And then, while looking at the surroundings, he pulled out some documents quickly, and took a look at the surroundings again.

After doing that, he removed the bottom plank of the drawer.

It's a double bottomed one.

And then, from its bottom, a thin plate with a certain texture and having characters written over it appeared.

When Grael took that out, he put it in his space bag and returned the drawer to its original location again.

Not always taking it out with him, maybe he was worried that it



might be lost in his space bag. In that case, it must be a very important item.

And yet, it is still something that he doesn't want others to see.

Grael left the room. Thereupon, a priest was waiting on that place.

I had seen that priest when I came to the temple before, his figure that was running away in hurry had left a deep impression.

They talked about something and then started to walk.

Both of them seemed nonchalant but, they are paying careful attention to their surroundings.

—This is, could it be that this is what I thought, no, this might be beyond that, I might be using this material as a source of Grael's fall.

On noticing that point, I became more fired up and continued the observation.

Grael and co. kept walking on the corridor of the temple, and then continued walking along the stairway.

There are no windows, they continued advancing into the passage with only the light from the magic tools, and then a door with a seal affixed on it by means of demon chemical element and key appeared.

The priest took out a talisman with some pattern drawn upon it and a golden key, and then opened the door.

The heavy sound of the door sliding to the side to open the room is resounding.

「UOOO.....」

I unintentionally muttered those words while peeping with parasite vision.

The thing that is inside the opened door is a vast expanse of tools.

There were even tools that are clad with aura, and the sensation that was transmitted even across the display was something similar to Blood Licorice, a treasure that I had seen in Snori.

## Part 2

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This place should be the treasure warehouse.

The rumored place where the treasures are stored.

Surely, to use this place, there's the so called procedure and a reason is necessary even for a noble and priest but..... Judging from the fact that they were showing an extreme amount of attention to the surroundings till arriving at this place, I noticed that it seemingly was not so.

Isn't this one of those materials [for blackmailing Grael] ?

The two of them—— Grael and the priest keep walking carefully inside the treasure room.

It seems that both of them are nervous and is not from the fear of being found. It is a frightened appearance as if they're walking inside a vault filled with explosives.

And then, the two of them arrived at the innermost part of the vault.

On that place, I could see a palm sized cube placed which was made of mysterious materials on the slightly shining altar.

After Grael took it, the priest opened his mouth.

「We finally got our hands at it according to the plan right?」

E?

This voice is?

「Yeah. It's thanks to you, Totowai. As soon as I climb up, I'll recommend you to the important position in the north and back it up for sure.」

「Thank you very much. Fufu, I'm looking forward for it you

know.」

There's no doubt about it, I have heard this voice.

Though parasite vision sent nothing but a reflection.

The skill might have grown.

Or maybe, it's the effect of the treasure in Graael's hand——.

「Ah. It took some time but, as I thought, god is watching over me. He's watching my great effort right. Don't you think that I am lucky because of the fact that I was able to discover how to use the true ability of this Eye of Akasha in a grimoire?」

「Yeah, that's true indeed. The exploration of the aforementioned tower is advancing smoothly thanks to this right. The price is great though.」

When the priest called Totowai said that, Graael furrowed his eyebrows and clicked his tongue a little.

「Geez, so annoying. I'm sick with the greed of those so called adventurers. But well, it's a trivial price compared to the treasures that we will get after this.」

「Yeah, that is so true. Graael-sama, since we're taking quite a great risk whether it's for the exact timing to enter without being found, or borrowing the key of this place without being found, it's better if you keep that in mind——」

「Yeah, I understand. You certainly have done your job. Don't worry about that since I possess more than what is necessary. .... Well then, let's start it. You'll go this way.」

「Yes, I understand. Since I'll become the suspect. In addition, I must act as if I'm not aware of the situation till I come back right.」

For some reason there's a disturbing talk.

The Eye of Akasha—— it certainly was the model for the guild card, it seems that it is a strange treasure which records everything, and seemingly could be used for your own desire.

I kept monitoring them and then, Grael soon left the temple and the priest left alone.

### Part 3

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In short, it seems that Grael, using the so called grimoire, has come to Laurel for the sake of using the Eye of Akasha for his personal gain.

Though I was thinking that I was doing unnecessary harassment, I must now take advantage of this opportunity.

Now I can clearly show the evidence of his wrongdoing if I ask for the examination of his property and the investigation of the treasure vault.

He might receive some sort of punishment and lost his standing, I suppose.

Even if something like that happens, you reap what you sow and there was no need to pity him.

Yosh, let's do it then.

I left the inn, and went toward Kohl mansion.

The gatekeeper remembered me, and even the talk with Kohl went smoothly.

He had misunderstood that I might have brought a rare item but, I have no need to correct him too.

I met with Kohl and conveyed about the information at my possession.

As for how I knew about it, I skipped the details and passed it as if I was using a certain skill and successfully deceived him.

He didn't suspect my information.

Since the things mentioned were too concrete for something said by a mere adventurer, it might have become a greater reason for him believing it.

Moreover, Kohl also had slight feeling about it, it seems he got information that there was some abnormal movement in one part of the temple.

That's why when I came with the details and name of the involved person, the need for conveying things like my secret disappeared. After saying that, I immediately moved and mentioned that I had to stop him.

I left the temple side to Kohl and headed toward Grael.

Anytime, I'll know his position right away with parasite vision, so it's suitable for me.

「What the hell is he going to do at that kind of place?」

Having left the temple, Grael is heading to the eastern forest in the outskirts.

He isn't bringing his attendant.

Grael is going deep into the forest.

He might be planning to use that 『Eye of Akasha』 but, to do what?

Well, whatever. I'll know when I see him.

Just see, when I catch up with you, I can arrest you red-handed.

And then, make you apologize to us.

「——What is that」

It was at that time.

I gasped at the image that appeared while I was heading toward where Grael was present.

In that place, the video progressed to an unexpected situation.

Grael stopped deep in the forest and took out the cubical Eye of Akasha along with paper-like material containing the characters that he called grimoire.

And then, when he covered the Eye of Akasha with grimoire, the characters that were written, which might be from an ancient era, suddenly transcribed on the cube. The cube, which was black in color, started to shine brightly as if it was bathing in the light.

「Is that something like a spell to activate? It's not only used to record, there's also another function——」

Suddenly, something like a white hole appeared in the space behind the cube.

And then, I saw it spitting out swords, spears, bow and arrow, and gold coins.

「I did it——Hahaha! I did it! I'll get everything with this! Power! Money! Kukukuku, everything is as planned! 」

Grael's laugh resounded as he gazed intently at the hole in the air.

Eye of Akasha—— I have heard about its recording function but, it seems it's not that simple.

Guessing from what I see and know, using the words from the grimoire, I think that its true ability might be beyond human comprehension and what is already known about it.

Its true power might be to create something from nothing.

The Eye of Akasha continue to summon desires as reality.

# Chapter 59: [Invasion]

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## Part 1

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The treasure 『Eye of Akasha』.

Its true power is something related to summoning, though I have not deciphered as to how they are being created into reality.

Though I'm more fascinated by the power of the treasure than catching Grael for a short while due to it being more powerful than what I had expected, the situation started changing drastically.

The Eye of Akasha suddenly shined brightly, and Grael threw the cube-shaped treasure away as if static electricity coursed through his body.

「AH, GUH WHAT THE!？」

The cube shined brightly and then faded to a hole in the air.

The howling of a demon was heard at the same time.

And then, an imp appeared from the hole.

「Kuh」

The Imp raised a roaring sound and attacked Grael with its magic.

Grael evaded that attack while unsheathing his shortsword for a counterattack and launched an attack on the Imp to defeat it.

It seems that he can somehow handle it to this degree, but unfortunately, what comes after this...

「What does this mean!? Why is there a monster!? How did I reproduce this kind of thing—— Don't tell me」

A rampage.

It's the same case as with the demon lance from before—— No, it's a little different. I can't feel its transformation into a demon.

To put it simply, it seems that it was impossible to control this kind of monstrous power.

During the time Grael and I were astonished by the sudden change in situation, even more monsters were being summoned.

This time, an ogre and a greater imp appeared one after another.

Grael's line of sight started shaking as if he was bewildered.

He is staring alternately at the cube and the monster.

It seems these two opponent are too hard for him, he seems to be thinking whether to fight against the monsters or to retrieve it, but that thought disappeared the very next moment.

A cocytus wolf appeared from the hole.

It was a monster that was one rank higher than the ogre.

When Grael saw that, he started to escape immediately.

I also escaped at the same time.

Somehow, things have started to turn toward a horrible direction but.

The summoned monsters are showing a painful expression toward Grael for some reason.

If I had not known about this, I would not care about it and feel relaxed. Since it has already become like this, in addition to arresting Grael, I must do something about the Eye of Akasha too.

Ha~, as I thought, nothing good comes out from something like peeping! [TL : I got a smack on my head during my childhood for the same reason.]

I arrived at the entrance of the forest while complaining in my mind like that.

Grael left the forest at the same time—— But, the cocytus wolf approached him from behind.

**Part 2**



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An icicle was shot from the cocytus wolf's mouth.

Grael received that attack on his leg and fell down.

When he turned his head, his face was wrapped with fear.

「S-STOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOP」

「GET DOWN, GRAEL」

At the moment the cocytus wolf bared its fang and leapt toward him, the magical power bullet I fired directly hit its flank.

I moved toward Grael's position and dealt the finishing blow to the staggering cocytus wolf by chopping its neck with my sword. Grael's eyes widened to the extent that it would pop out.

「Y-YOU——」

「What is happening, Grael.」

「Why are you in this kind of place...」

「I was tailing you since you had such a weird expression. I even know that you brought the Eye of Akasha. Answer me quickly, WHY ARE THE MONSTERS OVERFLOWING」

Grael shut his mouth.

But, the other monsters that had fallen behind, the ogre and the greater imp, reappeared.

「If you're not answering, I'll go and check it out myself. Good bye.」

Thereupon, I entered the forest while ignoring the shouting Grael.

「WAIT WAIT A MINUTE If I go by foot, I'LL DIE IF I AM ATTACKED BY THOSE MONSTERS I'LL DIE 」

「The state of Eye of Akasha is more important than the circumstances of someone like you. There's no meaning in saving you if you're not even willing to talk at all, right?」

「O-OKAY. I'LL TELL YOU I'LL TELL YOU HI~, FASTER 」

Grael pleaded with a miserable squeaking voice, just where did his normal composure go to.

Despite the fact that I wanted to sigh at his miserable appearance, I defeated the ogre and greater imp from a long distance with magic in an instant.

With the sword in my hand, I ordered Grael,「Well, make it short」

Grael started speaking about the matter regarding the true power of the Eye of Akasha.

Despite generally being known as a treasure that records everything about this world, that was nothing but only half of its real power.

The other half of its power was the ability to reproduce those records.

This reproduction wasn't in terms of information or image.

It was to recreate the actual existence of the records in this world for the second time.

It'll record everything, and then it'll reproduce those records.

In short, it possesses a terrible power which could recreate anything and everything.

As for the thing called grimoire, he told that it was a tool used to release the second half of its full power.

It seems that the ancient words written on the grimoire released Eye of Akasha's true power.

When Grael was doing his professional duties in the government secret agency, he had got his hands on the grimoire, and he decided to use the Eye of Akasha to satiate his own selfish desires.

### **Part 3**

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Grael had tried to create money and weapons by using this.

Apart from that, he had also planned to create everything he needed. And then, he had planned to climb to the summit of the society of nobles with that power.

That plan was running smoothly at first.

But, the Eye of Akasha that had regained its true power was not something that could be controlled by Grael. It is more and more getting out of control and is creating more monsters.

Since the thing it needs is strongly remembered records of this region, and it also holds the energy of a powerful demon of primitive times, it might be the reason why it is spawning monsters rather than something else.

「Things will take a turn for the worse if we don't stop it. Any possible methods to stop it 」

Grael shook his head with an exhausted expression.

If it is done with an unknown technique, did you think that everything will go as you wish? I really want to scold him to think about what he did, even if it is a failure.

Well, I won't be insisting on it since I don't think that even I can control the risk involved just by saying it to someone.

「Anyway, we can't leave it rampaging just like that.」

If you don't know the method to stop it, I'll forcibly stop it even if it means to end up destroying it.

While thinking of it as I looked toward the forest, another monster came out from the forest.

I couldn't see the summoning at the other end with my own eyes via parasite vision.

A cocytus wolf appeared again but, if it faces the current me, it'll be defeated very easily.

I entered the forest and I was about to land a light attack on it—— But, my leg stopped.

From a point in the northern part of the forest, an ogre came out while stomping its feet on the ground.

My current location is a plain with some small hills between the forest and the town. If the monsters cross this place, reach the city and make contact with ordinary people, the damage will be very serious. Hence, I cannot leave it alone.

I rushed towards the ogre and destroyed it. Now for sure—— When I just started to think like this – this time, a group of imps, led by a greater imp in the front, left the forest from the place where I was previously while raising a laugh that can be heard here.

Naturally, I can't leave those guys to their own devices.

The Eye of Akasha was moving automatically after having separated from Grael. Considering the fact that if I start searching for it and leave this place, the monsters coming out will cause damage faster than what it is now.

I sprinted toward the imps at full speed, and then after beating those imps—— now an enormous amount of monsters made their appearance, spanning a wide expanse of area starting from north to south.

「Wait a minute——」

The monsters that are coming out from below[south] is an imp, from above[north] is a lesser demon, whose appearance was known from the picture book, and a cocytus wolf —— it is a powerful monster which resides inside third floor of Paienne labyrinth and deeper—— And, it is a considerably powerful monster.

If it is the current me, it's not so hard to beat it—— But, I'm nothing more than just one person.

No matter how powerful I am, I can do nothing but protect only

one place at a time.

## Part 4

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I couldn't protect everything at the same time if those monsters attack a wider area at the same time.

Even if I vanquish them quickly and sprint to a different direction, those monsters keep coming one after another. In addition, once I move, those monsters will receive a stimulus and might start an all-out attack at once and I will not be in time. I can obviously imagine that the monsters will start appearing from all the locations that I can see right now.

「Summoned beast..... It's not good either.」

It might win if it's an ogre class but, it does not possess power to deal with this kind of crowd by itself.

——If I must turn the situation, what should I do?

While I'm thinking for a feasible solution, the monsters continue to invade the city.

Finally, they have started to advance across the plain, heading toward the city.

# Chapter 60: [I Raised The Level Of Parasite But, Maybe I Raised It Too Much]

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## Part 1

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The monsters that left the forest started to invade all over the place at the same time.

Feeling that I can't hold them back anymore, I prepared my sword.

「AAH S\*\*T, I guess I have no choice but to somehow kill one of them at least I'll just think something about it while slaying them——」

I decided and I changed my direction and headed toward the north area. It was at this moment— A war cry rang into my ears.

And then, the scenery that appeared in front of my eyes is the scenery of a man and a woman releasing several magic arrows from the canes in their hands respectively, followed by the scene of the arrows piercing through the bodies of the demon beasts.

Following that, I heard screams of death and agony coming from the south.

When I turned my face, I witness the fact that several monsters, starting from the Ogre, have been defeated.

In front of those monsters are those with their swords and axes.

「It seems we have somehow arrived in time.」

And then, I heard a familiar voice coming from behind.

When I turned around——

「Kohl-san Moreover, Alie, Veil, and several others too——」

The other adventurers have come too.

Most of them are faces that I see regularly in the adventurer's

guild.

There are also people whom I remember parasitizing.

Kohl started to speak,「When I went to the temple after hearing your story, it was as you said. And then, when I cross examined the priest, he mentioned about the danger. It seems he was aware of the danger. Though he did say that it might be okay, but when I thought about the worst case scenario, I went toward the adventurer's guild and assembled the people. I also received a report from someone scouting the situation and he said that he saw you fighting these monsters. So, I deployed the gathered personnel over a wide expanse of area.」

「Right, it seems like that. Haha, you saved me there.」

I started to feel relieved at the unexpected reinforcements but I was taken aback immediately.

There were even strong monsters like the lesser demon and the cocytus wolf amongst the monsters that had been summoned. A crowd of ogres and big spiders aren't so easy to deal either.

As far as I know, the likes of adventurer who could fight at those level of opponents are almost none. Most might be able to do it if they fought an ogre or a big spider one-on-one.

Even holding them back would most likely cause a serious wound.

「It'll be bad if you didn't defend yourself properly you know, the monsters being summoned are quite powerful, there's even monsters from the third floor of the labyrinth amongst them——」

「We'll be fine, Eiji-san」

The one who said that to me while stabbing a monster simultaneously was the one who had met me when I had reported the commission in Snori village, the robed adventurer who had raised his level by delivering the finishing blow to the monster in the event before.

「The current us have become quite powerful. We won't lose to those powerful monsters that you mentioned.」

「Certainly, I think that you raised your level properly during that time but, as expected several cocytus wolf class monsters can cause complete annihilation you know.」

## Part 2

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Though I was proposing to concentrate our war potential, this adventurer shook his head.

「We'll be okay you know, after all, we have been trained by Eiji-san. You also guided the other people too. After all, raising the level of your guild is also important. I, who was trained by Eiji-san, continued to temper myself. I did something similar to Eiji-san. I cooperated with someone who is similar to the me from before and then trained that person too. They're becoming stronger too. And then, I trained along with them too」

In short, are you saying that everyone beside myself have been raising the parasitism level by themselves.

Veil, taking over what he said, continued answering,「That's right. Even the person who had no direct connection with Eiji became stronger thanks to the fact that they were trained by the ones who had direct contact with Eiji. As a result, they can beat stronger monsters than what they could beat until now, they could also perform highly difficult commissions, and they could even get good tools and equipment. As a result, most of them in Laurel's adventurer's guild ended up becoming even stronger. That's why, if it's the current us, we've plenty enough strength to beat those monsters over there.」

**\*\*\*Third person POV\*\*\***

Arrows of magician pierced the crowd of big spiders and ogres that were coming to attack.

It contained enough power to pierce the tough body of big spider



and stop its movement.

A warrior took advantage of the big spider by using that gap and then severed its legs with his axe.

There's someone who stopped the attack of an ogre with his shield.

Amongst them were the people who once did a commission with Eiji. That time, they were ones who couldn't move their hands or legs against a high-level monster.

But now, they fought against it efficiently. Moreover, they gained an upper hand against them.

In another direction, the adventurers were battling cocytus wolf.

There were two cocytus wolves, keeping them company at the same time while disposing another magical beast with this kind of strength in their surroundings, they steadily wounded the cocytus wolves.

「What does it mean to be able to fight in cooperation against such monsters.」

The silver knights also took out their weapons and headed toward the battle.

And then, he raised an astonished voice.

「Fufun, are you surprised It's because we have been trained」

「Trained」

Calling out to him was adventurer Mimi.

Mimi dodged the claws of the cocytus wolf with a movement that was faster than her reply and kept accumulating the damage by aiming at their weak points with her knife.

And then, she opened the distance again.

「Within the adventurer guilds which I know, there wasn't a place where everyone's skill was this high. Even if there was a

prominent person who stood out, the overall level was never this high.」

「It's because of Eiji-san's training」

「Huh, Eiji-san Is it that person 」

「Ah, so you know him. That's right, it started with Eiji reaching out his hands to everyone. As a result, it has reached the point where everyone can fight against monsters of this level 」

### Part 3

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Mimi delivered even more damage, and George swung his weapon at it when its movement dulled. When Mimi's set up an explosion of fire using magic tools of her own, the cocytus wolf raised an agonizing scream and then fell to the ground.

To the scene that was happening before him, the silver knight did nothing but watch silently with a surprised expression.

**\*\*\*First person POV\*\*\***

Borrowing the view of the adventurers who were connected with me with parasite vision, I grasped the flow of battle to some extent.

The reality is that everyone in Laurel's adventurer guild can go against powerful monsters.

It is quite a surprise. Since I had fought together with them, I was wondering whether they could even fight against these monsters. Even after I had trained them, they would have only been able to fight against a single monster of this level.

It seems those guys didn't just stop with that result. After receiving stimulus from the event that time, they had grown by their own and had reached the point where they could train another person. Everyone was growing beyond my expectations.

I didn't know that their levels had been raised this much.

Especially when I was raising them not because I was thinking

about the adventurer's guild, rather I had raised their levels by parasitizing them just for the sake of raising the level of parasite efficiently.

——As a result, it seems that it was raised too much.

But, that reason is a trivial thing now.

What does not change is the fact that they had become stronger.

Nevertheless, the current reality is the most important.

Just as I had predicted, not just from north and south, the monsters starting pouring out from the front too.

I turned around and said this to the adventurers who were in this place:「Understood. I'll leave this place to everyone, please guard this place and never let those monsters reach the city.」

「YES」

「OOH」

The adventurers raised their war cry as they charged toward the approaching monsters.

「I'll do something about the culprit of this outbreak!」

# Chapter 61: [Eiji Choukai]

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## Part 1

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I leave the other problems to them and I charge into the forest.

It was the forest east to Laurel which I had come to so many times in the past.

Until the time I was looking with parasite vision that I planted on Grael, the Eye of Akasha was heading toward this place. Though it might no longer be in this place, I should start from this place.

I advanced while defeating the monsters that appeared on the way.

As it was only a waste of time, I ignored them. Those truly reliable adventurers are the ones who'll do it for me, I'll leave it to them.

「There it is. It is either weapons or money」

I finally arrived at the place where Grael used the Eye of Akasha.

There are so many things that are scattered in this place even now.

Well then, after this is the real battle.

I'm fumbling around looking for the Eye of Akasha by freely using every skill in my repertoire such as Judgement(earth), voice of spirit, and hawk eyes.

A while after I sharpened my senses and concentration—I found it.

I noticed some faint traces on the plant, ground, and magic particles from which I could guess the general direction of the Eye of Akasha.

I started advancing toward that direction.

The traces became even denser the closer I am to that place,

moreover I'm advancing toward the correct direction even if I must adjust my direction once in a while.

「.....Found it」

In the midst of trees, I saw a hole opened in the air and a shining cube.

I don't know something like the method to stop it, that's why I'll launch one attack with the intention to shatter it.

With that plan in my mind, I quickened my pace.

That time, the hole started to shine.

It seems that the Eye of Akasha in there had noticed that I'm quickly approaching it.

The thing that appeared, accompanied by a powerful roar right after that is the manticore.

Moreover—— Two in row.

When the two manticores faced me, they have those cruel smiles on their faces which I remembered.

Don't tell me that I must fight those two simultaneously in this place. But, I've become even stronger than those days too. Wrong, I am still growing.

I shortened the gap between us while strengthening all of my abilities by using all kind of enchant skills, and then, I lowered the abilities of my opponent with sorcery the moment I approached them close enough.

At the same time, the two manticores started their aria at the same time.

Three consecutive magic bullets were released.

I quickly expanded my magic power shield.

The paladin shield mastery was effective even with this shield, I could guarantee that my defense power increased by more than 1.2

times(120%).

The strengthened magic shield could perfectly stop the magical bullets.

I did not stop my movements while expanding my shield, I kept getting even closer to the manticores.

## Part 2

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I, who approached them with all my power, unsheathed my sword calmly and wield it by my side.

The manticores tried to defend themselves with their scorpion tails—— But, the drawn sword swung by me severed it right into two.

My lips unintentionally loosened.

Haven't I become quite strong.

I needed to muster every bit of my strength to stop it before, but now, I can sever its hard and strong tail with just one hand.

「Next one is your neck ! 」

I quickly severed its neck to deal with the other manticore.

The sneering expression vanished from the face of the remaining manticore and turned into a shock.

Before that shock vanished, I converged my magical power and fired a magic power bullet to the manticore. That attack came diagonally below the head, it hit the manticore's neck, and killed it.

The two manticores faded away as particles of light. Different from normal monsters, maybe because they were monsters summoned from the record, they vanished without leaving any trace of their existence.

「Fuu, it's finished huh. To be able to deal with opponent like these guys, haven't I, Eiji Choukai, raised my level to the point that

I won't be defeated at all」

This is also the result of parasitizing and parasitizing..... It's not the time for me to be soaked in the sentiment of my growth.

I must chase the Eye of Akasha which seemed to be running away farther—— the moment I thought of that, it cast a bright light, incomparable to before. Similar light overflowed from the hole, and then what came out from inside is a monster that I never seen until now—— a bi-ped dragon appeared from it.

That guy, whose appearance resembled that of a Tyrannosaurus-Rex, swallowed the Eye of Akasha. No, did it really swallow it? The treasure is going that far to protect itself.

The moss-colored dragon shifted its yellow-colored eyes toward me. It possesses sharp claws in its arms which look even sharper than a sword. Its thick legs stood tall and strong on top of the ground. It keeps glaring at me while putting power into its tough-looking limbs. I take a deep breath and then fixed my stance with my sword.

Yeah, this is a tough one.

However, there isn't enough time to fight it carefully.

The more time I spend, the more monsters will be spawned. Apart from this hole, it may be summoning monsters from other places too. Though the people who are fighting outside the forest have grown-up, they don't possess infinite stamina to survive a prolonged invasion.

That's why, I'll end it with one attack.

But my opponent is also doing the same thing, we are betting everything in this one attack.

The dragon and I, both of our eyes meet and, both of us raised a scream.

When the atmosphere, which keep intensifying, finally exceeded

its limit, the dragon fired a breath of lightning.

I reacted immediately by ordering the earth to erect a wall with spirit magic and created a earth protection. It dispersed the sparks from the purple lightning.

I did it, and when the breath attack ceased, I plunged with both my hands gripping my sword.

The dragon raised its sharp claws to the sky to use it to tear my limbs.

Looking at its trajectory at the last moment, I twisted my body with minimum movement so that I won't be killed by its power while at the same time delivering a blow by incorporating all of my power into it.

The claws and the sword intersected.

Its claws grazed my flank and easily tore away my clothes. But, it was only that much. Its claws did not reach my body, and then my sword stabbed very deep into its green-colored belly.

### **Part 3**

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Screams of its death reverberated inside the forest.

The body of the mossy dragon vanished with a mote of light.

And then, a high-pitched “Kiiiiin” sound resounded as I felt something hard on the tip of my sword.

On the place where the green dragon vanished, a cracked cube fell and then rolled on the ground.

The next moment, the Eye of Akasha started crumbling and became sand that glittered.

The hole opened in the air dimmed, and then eventually vanished—— and then the forest returned to its usual tranquil and quiet nature.

\*\*\*\*3RD POV\*\*\*\*



Outside the forest——

Alie is looking at the forest along with Kohl and the others.

「The monsters have stopped flowing out from the forest right」

「Um~. Is it the calm before storm or else has the storm passed by already——」

Though the monsters had stopped coming out, all the adventurers of the guild weren't lowering their vigilance yet and kept staring deep into the forest.

After that, someone came out from there as if waiting for them to do that.

「SOMETHING IS COMING OUT—— THAT IS ! 」

「Eiji-sama ! 」

Having left from the forest was the same Eiji who had entered it before.

Kohl, Alie and the others rushed toward him.

「It has ended everyone. This is the cause of all those monsters」

When Eiji opened his palms, there was nothing but sand inside it.

The marvelous-looking sand, according to Eiji's explanation, was the destroyed Eye of Akasha.

\*\*\*\*1ST POV\*\*\*\*

「It shouldn't be able to summon monsters anymore. The treasure is broken though」

「As expected of Eiji ! You're amazing you know~ ! 」

Mimi came with a dash and clinged on to my neck.

When I catch her while staggering due to the force, I see her face as it is.

「You smashed the culprit who spit a lot of monsters of that level, it's amazing ! 」

「Ahaha, thank you very much for your praise」

「I also defeated many big spiders and cooperated to push the cocytus wolf. Its the result of the training ! 」

「Hee, so you are undergoing that too」

Mimi separated herself from me while smiling proudly with “fufun”.

It's good that she's as lively as usual. And then, she has become really strong.

## Part 4

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「It's not just us, the guys who were trained by Eiji and then the guys who were trained by the ones trained by you had become stronger to the point that they can defeat high-ranking monsters. And then, they protected the city. It was thanks to you, Eiji」

「Thank you, George」

「Nevertheless, it seems as if you were expecting something like this, Eiji. Did you train us for the sake of something like this? Though I was wondering why you did this despite not earning a big profit for yourself, had you assumed this would happen ? 」

「No, it's nothing like that, it's just a coincidence you know ! 」

「I guess so, it may have only been a guess if you say so」

「No, it's nothing splendid or something that great, I swear」

「I wonder though, Eiji's just that kind of guy. Well, anyway, it's great that both of us are alive」

At any rate, I bumped my fist with George as the proof that both of us are fought with our best.

In addition, many other adventurers were mutually praising each other's fighting power too.

It was an extremely reassuring spectacle.

Grael and the aforementioned priest were apprehended in the garrison of the city. They were caught as the perpetrators who caused this incident. With this, it's the end huh.

「Fu!..... It's finally resolved」

I let out a long breath. And then, the usual silence returned to the forest and to the city of Laurel. Everything vanished like the phantom's projection.

## Chapter 62: [Repatriation]

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「I'm sorry」

Grael lowered his back deeply while apologizing.

Marie's body solidified while showing a surprised face.

The place where I, Kohl and, Grael are currently is the inn where I'm staying at.

That's right, it was because there was a need to apologize to the oyaji and Marie about the the kitchen garden's mishap.

Grael obediently lowered his head.

As expected, maybe because he was reflecting about his recent failure, or it might be because he understood that Kohl and I were glaring at him right now, he apologized for the time being.

「Uhm, that. It's okay you know. If you're apologizing, then the matter is settled. Since the field has been restored and the vegetables will grow again if I plant and then take care of it again」

「You can condemn him more than this you know, Marie-chan. He won't feel anything with this level of punishment」

Though I say that from her side, Marie shook her head in denial.

This child, is a saint.

Grael, who was bowing for a while, raised his head after being urged by Marie and then left the inn with feeble steps.

Well, my stomach feels slightly sour.

I was able to make that lump of vanity to bow down.

The next thing waiting for him is his already decided punishment according to the regulations. Beyond that is not my concern.

After Kohl and the inn's oyaji chatted for some time, I saw him off when he left the inn .

After leaving the inn, Kohl said this to Grael who was waiting outside.

「The current event is because of your pride and your arrogance that everything is within your ability, Grael-dono. No matter what kind of punishment befall you, accept it with a sincere heart」

「.....Yes」

Grael nodded with a meek face.

While looking at his appearance, Kohl let out a sigh and added more to it.

「You should be grateful to Eiji-dono. It's thanks to Eiji-dono that everything ended without any damage to the city. If the damage had ever spread to the city, though we're acquaintances, I would have sealed the city and your life would have been decided」

「..... I'm sorry」

I have no way to know whether those words he said to me were his real thoughts.

And then, Kohl and his assistant left the inn along with Grael hanging his head down.

As for Grael, after that event, it was decided that he would be confined till he got his judgement.

The aftermath was dealt after that. Treatment of the wounded, patrolling around the forest to make sure that there are no monsters left, entering into the temple and investigating the priests with regard to the this event, and this and that. Of course, I'm helping too.

When things settled down, Kohl held an evening dinner party for celebrating with the adventurers who were a great help during this incident.

In addition to that, you might even say that it's amongst the aftermath events.

Naturally, I participated too but, iya~, I'm satisfied to have plenty of delicious food to eat. Mimi, Georg and, Vel have come too and we're having quite a wonderful time.

As expected of the event that Kohl organized, this is a wonderful event.

And then, the pleasant time was over soon.

I was leaving the party, at that time I was about to leave,「Did you enjoy the party, Eiji-sama?」

I was called by Alie.

Just when I am about to leave the hall.

「Uhn, it's a wonderful party you know. The dishes were delicious, there was even a musical performance. That's wonderful since I haven't heard it recently」

「Yeah, the musical performance was wonderful. I'm glad if Eiji-sama enjoyed it」

Alie is smiling with an elegant smile.

I feel something like being relieved, and my usual feeling is returning.

.....Ah, in case of the usual feeling.

「Come to think of it, you didn't wear that full dress huh. It does give a slightly different feeling」

「It's because I am acting as an adventurer who protected the city today and not as a noble. I'm the same as everyone」

「Is that true?」

Alie approached me with glittering eyes.

「In that case, I'll show it to you anytime. If you come to Neman that is, since I've many in my home」

「He~, I'll be looking forward to it you know. I think that there are still many places where I would like to visit」

「YES ! By all means, please come to the city where I was born」

「Ooh, Eiji-dono. Alie's here too huh」

At that time, Kohl had come to call us.

He's wearing a full dress. I can say that he's normally a nice ojiisan but, as I thought, he's exuding some kind of dignity on wearing this full dress.

「Kohl-san. Thank you very much, this is a nice party」

「Well now, it was a trivial matter when compared to the thing that you've done you know. I'm truly grateful to you. It is thanks to Eiji-dono that the city could protected. Please allow to me say my gratitude again」

Kohl clasped my hands firmly.

I also firmly grasped his hands.

「Nevertheless, Eiji-kun is not just talented, you're even quite keen in seeing through corruption and scandals. Moreover, maybe you were secretly grooming the adventurers in preparation for something like today. You know, I really admire that part of yours」

Somehow, the reality just changed.

「No, it's definitely not for something like that, we just had accidentally took the same commission together.....」

「You're being humble again. Is there such a coincidence?」

There is you know.

But, I'm can't say that it is because of parasite, so I have no choice but to continue to pretend that it's just a coincidence.

「Different from an average adventurer, you're thinking about the whole city and the guild...Though being an adventurer is also good for Eiji-kun, I want you to show that power for the sake of the country. What do you think? Are you interested with something

like being a part of a chivalric order? 」

EH.

When I pondered about such a matter, Kohl had appeared right in front of my face.

「No, I'm just a traveller, so things like chivalric order might be a bit too much for me...That's it」

「You don't need to show that kind of humility, since your ability has already been accepted by everyone. You know, if it's you, I'll could give you power or status similar to that of a noble. With respect to your keen insight, ability, achievement and everything else」

Kohl came up with that offer with a serious face.

Please forgive me, those kind of things are absolutely unsuitable for me.

You are definitely overestimating me.

「But... things might easily turn serious when you become a noble. Even if you have enough ability, it's a world where excellent ability possesses no influence in your status directly. If we're assuming that you'll become one immediately... That's it, are you interested in an arranged marriage? 」

「Heh!? 」

「You're not bad even in terms of age. If you succeed a house by being adopted into a noble's house, you can easily enter into the circle of the nobles. Right, that definitely won't cause any problem. HAHAAHA」

How can he start talking about this kind of topic, this uncle.

The communication skills, that are needed to live along with the spouse's family into which I get married, are something that I lack currently.

Nevertheless, whether it's their work or private life, a noble



always has various difficulties and, I want to live a free, peaceful life.

「O-Ojii-sama, W-what are you talking about so suddenly」

Beside me who feels that it is way too impossible, Alie started to speak with a flustered expression.

「No matter how you put it, that's too hasty, I also need to prepare my hea——」

「Why is Alie the one who's flustered? Especially when it's not a talk that has something to do with the Duo house. I am just stating my general opinion」

「HA..... ! HA-au~」

When Alie let out a mysterious voice which can't be put into words, her face that was slightly red due to the liquor had become even redder, and then she was overloaded.

Kohl and I are laughing at the same time.

Do not make strange misunderstandings, Ally. It seems she does have a considerably careless side.

Anyhow, I think that it's still too early for me, I told myself that it was free, and I leave the party place after bidding my farewell to those two.

And then, I'm returning toward my own inn.

On the way, the display which I'm familiar with appeared in the dark of the street.

Parasite 【36→38】, Skill 【Quintuple Parasite】 acquired.

Ooh, I learned a Parasite skill after a long time. From the skill name, it seems that I can latch up to 5 people at the same time with parasite skill.

From now, I'll get plenty amount of experience~.

I fought myself, and the people on whom I latched my parasite

also fought a lot of strong enemies.

With this, Parasite is increasing more and more and is continuing to advance forward.

I have arrived at the inn while I was pondering about such things.

And then, I opened the my room's door in the inn as usual.

# Chapter 63: [Advent]

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## Part 1

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——Capital of Rain Saint.

A room surrounded by sturdy stone walls, its massive door was shut tight and, not even an ounce of outside sound entered into the room.

And then, inside this room where the sound won't be transmitted outside at all, there were five people.

——The wisemen council.

One of the five seated at the round table spoke.

「A notice has arrived using fast horse. It's regarding the awakening of the Eye of Akasha by using the grimoire」

When the old man with a white beard said that with his hoarse voice, a woman wearing tight skirt turned her line of sight toward him with a doubtful gaze.

「Awakening? Don't you mean, rampaging? It'll summon a large amount of things without even giving a sign of summoning, I heard that the city near the test site is in peril though」

「Something like that can't be passed as a trivial matter madam. The important thing is the fact that its original function is a reproducing function. You can control it if you make adjustments after that」

The old man rebuked her while touching his beard.

A young man followed up after that.

「I agree. Was it Laurel? What became of that city? Isn't this a big deal? More importantly, it is more necessary for us to fulfil our mission」

「Your statement shows that you are in a hurry. Well, you're right

about that though. Even so, if that's the case, that child running wild was also somewhat useful. Well, after all, I knew that entrusting that thing to him would end up in being used for his personal desire.」

「Certainly. We won't move immediately since we still haven't understood what just happened. In that point, Grae-kun was just the right target. I had no doubt about it since he'll do his best in trying to use it. The grimoire was safe, the next thing is to get all the remaining information, irrespective of whether we will torment him, bake him or, boil him. Well, it should be okay if we just send in a bait who won't betray us due to despair」

The young man peeked from his red robe and his lips, red as if painted in crimson color, warped into an ominous grin.

Along with the white bearded old man, the middle aged man sitting next to him was also smiling boldly.

「That's absolutely right. We've no time to spare for such trivial matters. Though losing that Eye of Akasha is a bitter news, so what? Since, from the very beginning, it was just for experiment. Since it does not have enough output for the sake of our true goal, it has accomplished its duty as long as we get the data about it. We've three eyes, that's enough」

「Uhm. That's right. We can fulfil our wish as long as we have that. For the second advent of our goddess who left the surface world along with the end of the dawn era ! 」

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「Fuaaaa~」

The thing that is lost along with the big yawn is the spirit.

A few days after the Laurel was attacked by the monster horde, the city has already calmed down as if nothing had happened at all.

I also calmed down and continued spending my time in a carefree way.

Originally, since most of the citizens were ignorant of the danger that was coming, there wasn't anything happening from the beginning except for the adventurer guild.

「Well then, should I test it now?」

In the recent raid, because I and the people who have my parasite had defeated a large number of powerful monsters, we received quite a sum of experience.

It went up at that time too, and even things like the classes that were on the verge of leveling up had levelled up during these several days. Thus, I learned new skills.

One amongst them made me itch to test it today, so I went to the grasslands in the outskirts.

「Skill【Summon of Legend】, this undoubtedly is a very awesome skill」

I believe that this skill is really awesome.

What is amazing is that the effect of the skill is unknown even after appraising it.

I never knew that there were skills where the effect of the skill couldn't be understood by using the judgement lens. In short, there's no doubt that this is a never seen before skill.

And, 【Summon of Legend】 was the composite skill obtained as a result of the six classes namely, magician, hunter, miner, spirit user, priest and paladin.

It's SIX !

When I realized the fact that the geniuses of this world have around 3 classes atmost, isn't this skill a skill which no one had ever used in the entire history of this world ?

No, I am already trembling with excitement.

I concentrated my magical power on the prairie where there's no one in the surroundings.

I came to this place since I thought that something big might come out of it.

I might be crushing the inn if I summoned it close to the inn. It's a legend coming out you know. [A LEGEND](#)!!!. A dragon might be coming out of it. What should I do when something like that happens?

[TL\* : the legend above is using katakana, while this legend is using kanji (伝説/densetsu) which also means legend. He just makes sure that it's not mistaken as "Regen"]

Or it might be the goblin hero or an expert magician that comes out of the [Summon of Legend] skill.

Well, no matter what comes out, I'm sure that it will be something amazing.

「Fuu..... Yosh. 【Summon of Legend】 Invoke ! COME ! 」

A gigantic formation of light is spreading on the prairie.

The ellipses and circles, drawn by using ancient letters, becomes a gigantic pillar of light while emitting light.

The middle of the formation became a thick vortex of light, so thick to the point that I can't see it, and then it is converging.

After one minute passed, the light just suddenly vanished in a flicker.

And then, one thing is left in the center.

It's size is not that much different from me, it's human shaped, a woman, and she's facing toward me.

She has pink-colored hair, she's wearing risque clothes and her face made me remember of...EH ?

「Oh, Eiji. It's been a while ! 」

「Ruu!?!」

It was the descent of Goddess.

I was taken aback for quite a while.

But Ruu, who's looking at the stunned me, isn't surprised at all and is still maintaining her similar atmosphere.

「Oh, Eiji. Was this 『God Letter』? Umu, you want to report about something today right? 」

「No, well it's a bit different but..... Haven't you noticed it, Ruu?」

「Haven't I noticed it? Noticed what? 」

Ruu's frowning while looking at my face.

Then, she struck her hand with a “pon” while nodding,「AH, did you cut your hair? 」

「Not that ! I mean, I have not even cut it ! Yosh——」

Let me make clear about the current situation to the Goddess who remarked that she knew that the situation I'm trying to indicate was not about my hair. Besides, I also want to clarify it.

I suddenly approached Ruu, stretched my index finger and then poked at her cheek.

Ou, it's soft. It feels like the buttocks of a baby. Since I don't know whether she's real or not without touching her.

Then, it's clear. Ruu's certainly substantial which makes it different from when I'm using [God Letter].

「What's the matter Eiji, why did you suddenly poke at my cheek」  
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This person hasn't noticed it yet.

「Ruu. Don't you have any question now? I touched you, you know. Look at your surroundings」

Ruu's rotating at the place where she stood with a dubious face.

And then, several seconds later. She approached me and barraged me with ten hits on my cheeks.

「Touching..... Things, you say..... Could it be that, I have, descended in this lower world ? 」

「Yes. Something like that」

「W-W-WHAAAAAA~T!？」

「So you finally noticed it, huh. This story won't take too long but——」

「Hey Eiji, what's the meaning of this? I was elegantly basking under the sun in my God boundary but, why there's a meadow? Moreover, seeing that place over there, it's Laurel city where Eiji is right ! 」

Ruu seemed flustered while shaking my shoulders.

I spoke while my head jolted front and back.

「It's my skill you know, Ruu appeared when I used a skill called [Summon of Legend]. Or, should I say, you have been summoned. With my skill」

“Prick”, Ruu's hands stopped moving and, my shoulder also stopped shaking.

While grasping my shoulders, Ruu's gazed into my eyes.

「You're not joking ? 」

「I'm 100% serious」

Ruu was stunned at her place, her eyes started moving to various places while showing an expression of pondering about something. A while later, she continued talking to me while maintaining that posture. [TL : Just remember Aqua reaction in the first episode of KonoSuba season 1]

「I'm troubled when you summoned me without any warning, but ? 」



「Even if you say that, I also didn't know that skill will summon Ruu」

「Didn't understand you say, Eiji, you should understand the skill you're using right」

That's a sound argument.

「Well, it can't be helped, since I have already summoned. It's an interesting skill which allows an impolite act toward God. By the way, please send me to the Heaven at once. This is the only clothes that I happen to wear」

「So you're suddenly acting like a God huh, Ruu. Understood, I'll return you for the time being」

Similar to when I summoned her, I put every bit of my power and faced toward Ruu.

.....But, nothing is happening to Ruu's body.

Eh？

Though I try it once again, as I thought, nothing is happening.

The summoning until now, if I try to send back with the same kind of feeling when I use the skill for the summon, they vanish with similar feeling just like how they came... I am expecting that she'll be returning though.

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「.....」

Don't tell me, could it be that it's a different case for this skill?

Since it's not summoning something out of thin air and it's a skill which summons something that existed in a different place in specific, it probably has a different methodology from the other summoning skills.

In that case, how to go back to the original place.

The means to return..... How？

「Hell~o. Do you hear me, Eiji~ ? Return me quickly, ASAP. Like I said already, I also need to be prepared before being summoned」

「I don't know」

「EH? 」

Ruu tilted her neck.

「I don't know the means to return Ruu to her original place ! 」

「U-Uh~m, what just you said is—— a lie, right!?!」

「It's 100% true. Using the skill again seems to be impossible too. It seems that it is a one-way summon skill. ....Ahaha, what should I do now...」

「Na-Nana, EIJI~~~~~I ! 」

Ruu's hands move for the second time, and my body resumes shaking violently.

Thus, the Goddess descended upon the lower world.

## Chapter 64: [The World After Such A Long Time]

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After having thoroughly shaken my body till it made some clattering sounds, the Goddess Ruu finally managed to calm down.

After readjusting her breath, Ruu asked me,「Eiji, I want to ask one question but, let me say that it's not just for now, I won't be able to return even in the future, isn't it?」

「Uhhm..... No, well, Uhm, I just can't do it, naturally the method to return you must exist you know」

「Really~ ? For example ? 」

I think for a moment while looking at Ruu's doubtful eyes.

「Well, as far as I know, there's a theory that I know for the method of returning a demon king after being summoned 」

「But, I have never heard about something like a demon king you know, do they even exist ? 」

「That's something that I don't know since I am a newcomer after all」

「Oy, Eiji~i ? ..... Ha~, I wonder if I should make a demon king since things turned out like this」

「No, please don't be so hasty, Ruu. Because it's not funny if there's a truth like “The goddess who is manipulating the demon king behind the scenes is actually an evil and false god” 」

「Who do you think is the reason for that ? W.H.O ?」

Ugh.

I'm weak if you say it that way.

...Or maybe, it's hard to have a serious talk with Ruu but, I'm really regretting that.

「Sorry, Ruu. I used it so casually and I didn't think that it'll turn out like this. I'll try to do something about it, and get the way to make you to return」

I bow to her right away.

After I had bowed at her for a short while, Ruu tapped on my shoulder.

When I raised my face, Ruu's smiling face, or so if you insisted on it, is looking at me.

「Well, fine then. I also forcibly summoned Eiji to this world and I'll forgive you for being aware of your mistake too. Well, there's no need to be flustered to find the way to return or the need to be looking for the way to return me in a hurry. Sightseeing the lower world after such long time doesn't sound bad either, ri~ght~」

Ruu raised her hand from my shoulder and then stretched it upward with “Uh~n”.

Her pink hair is rustling due to the passing wind.

It seems I received her permission——

「Fuhn ! 」

At that moment, Ruu's drawn fist is heading toward my solar plexus.

「UOOO ! 」

But, I catch her punch with the palm of my hand due to my ultra-fast reflexes.

「W-What are you doing ! 」

「Aa-! Why did you stop it. Wouldn't the action just now will be followed by “Everything becomes even with this one punch“ ! 」

Ruu put even more strength into the fist in my hand.

I'm really stopping it by using more than the necessary power.

「No, that'll feel strange right ! Because both of us forcibly

summoned each other, I might end up on the losing side, right」

「Because there's difference in value between god and human. The weight of my fist is part of that difference」

「In that case, I think the different between god and human is as light as your fist」

We're glaring at each other.

Before long, Ruu withdrew her fist and released a heavy sigh.

「Good grief. It's impossible even for Eiji. He does lack a refined nature. Very well then, should I make him to show me around...」

「Show you around?」

「Showing me around the world you know. It's been a long time since I have seen it and I am serious about it, not joking or lying. It's been a long time since I have enjoyed this」

Now she stretched her fist in front of my face.

Ruu's grinned when I also bumped my fist to match her.

「Please take care of me then, Eiji」

Somehow, it's feel strange but, well, I'm also enjoying it after being forcibly summoned to this world, I might be able to somehow manage this, maybe.

That said, I've another meeting with Ruu after such a long time but, I'm really surprised that this kind of skill exists.

It is not summoned to another world but to be summoned in another world.

With this, both of us, Ruu and me reached a beyond positive conclusion to enjoy this chance with a positive attitude and we are now walking toward the grasslands ahead of us near Laurel.

Ruu, on being summoned, is rather in high tension, she's pulling the grass, sniffing the scent of flower, chasing after the cricket – she's fully enjoying the meadows amazingly.

When I think about it, that God's place was dull and simply just white. When you're always in that kind of place, even this kind of place might become interesting.

「Look look Eiji~, it's a giant dragonfly ! 」

「Yeah, ye..... What did you say ! 」

When Ruu disturbed the clump of grass, a dragonfly of about 70 cm long fled from that place.

That's right, another world dragon fly was a huge one.

We keep going toward the city from the meadows while making that kind of merry, after arriving in the city, I was walking around, touring several places along with Ruu.

Ruu was turning round and round as she was seeing the city with eyes brighter than those in the meadows.

Especially, when we go to the temple, she was grinning ear to ear seeing her own statue. Though she was appealing herself toward the person who was visiting the temple, I'm afraid that person himself didn't believe her. I think that it is completely normal. [TL : There's no way a Goddess would descend right]

We continue to go around the city for the second time while doing these kind of things.

Ruu's talking to me with an extremely satisfied face,「It's wonderful, isn't it. It's really wonderful when I try to come isn't it. GOOD JOB Eiji!」

「It's my pleasure to receive your praise」

This is my true feeling.

If I must say about a very bitter feeling, it's because I'm truly regretting the fact that I forcibly summoned her.

I wonder if Ruu felt the same feeling about me when she sent me down to the lower world.

When I continued to think about such things, the day already turned dark and hence we decided to take a break at the inn where I'm indebted to, so I invited Ruu to the inn where I'm currently staying at.

「Is it okay for me to sleep on this today? There's nothing but one bed though」

「As expected, that's an awkward situation for us to be sleeping on the same bed right. Ruu will sleep here since it seems that you like this room」

「Roger. But, how about the inn's fee? 」

Ah, there's that problem too.

As she said that she was only with the clothes that she was wearing now, Ruu has no personal belongings at all. Though it seems she does have various things like the one she gave to me the first time we met, she didn't have anything else with her aside from the clothes that she is wearing right now.

「Please use this for the time being」

I took out the common currency from the space bag. Various kind of coins like glittering silver coin and gold coin formed a small hill on top of the bed.

「Oo~h」

Ruu's eyes are shining brightly on seeing that.

As expected of a God, she's sensitive to offering money.

「You're giving me this? 」

「Yeah. Since I'll be troubled if you have nothing on you and it'll also multiply all by itself, so I still have some with me. Please use this as you wish」

「As I thought..... This is consolation money right, what a filthy man you are」

「That's not it ! I'll take it back if you don't want it」

The moment when I reached my hand to the currency, Ruu seized my arm with incredible speed.

「Sorry. Since restraining the offerings from the believer is just too pitiful, I'll receive all of your offerings without fail. Your faith, I'll keep it in my memories」

And then, Ruu gathered the money, after which we went down toward the dining room of the inn to eat.



# Chapter 65: [Thereafter]

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## Part 1

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For the time being, I'm going to buy clothes for Ruu who's currently eating at the inn first.

Though Ruu certainly said that it was embarrassing when she first arrived, she meant that the degree of exposure is too high but, it is okay.

Though I thought about why she was wearing that, I couldn't even say that to her with how the situation was at that time.

Ruu seems to be very enthusiastic in the middle of city, I also spent a carefree time with her without even noticing it. It seems she was going out occasionally, was she really a Goddess? That said, she has naturally adapted to it.

On the other hand, I bought a map.

It was a rough map of the geography around this area.

When I look at it, the mountains, forests, villages, and cities of this area located so and so in detail in it. There's also the usual forest, Paienne labyrinth, the Snori village, and even further.

Looking at the faraway places, it seems that the one written as Prowkai is a big city of the same level as Laurel and is positioned quite close.

Could it be that there's a satellite city in the vicinity? Though it might be not in the same level as a city, there's a small city and a village around it. Just like the relationship between Laurel and Snori.

「I say, when I'm looking at this again, this world sure is big. It's natural but, it far exceeds the range where I can use my foot to travel it」

And then, several days had elapsed after Ruu's summoning.

We're facing each other in the dining room of the inn today too.

「By the way, what're you going to do after this, Ruu ? 」

「Uh~n, [Hafu](#) you see」

[TL\* : She's eating]

When I asked that to Ruu who's eating the stew filled with vegetables, she made a large gulping sound and swallowed it.

「I have come to the world after a long time, I wish to go to various place you know.」

「How about taking you to another city ? 」

「It sounds tiring, I don't want to go to various places. I saw that this city is splendid with the God's eyes, I wonder if the scenery of another place could be better and fresher than this. The walking distance is also reasonably close right」

「Hee, you're surprisingly the active type」

「I mean」

Ruu's pointing the tip of her fork toward me and asked,「What're you going to do after this, Eiji?」

「Me ? 」

「Yeah, what do you want to do, Eiji?」

I think for a bit while eating the boiling soy beans which contain some sweetness in it, then I answer,「I—— Well, I wonder about that. I also feel like going to a different place than this city. Though I'm not Ruu, it's been a long time since I came to this place, I also noticed that it's slightly wasteful if I keep going on like this in this place. I also wonder how the other places around the city are」

「Humph humph, as expected right」

Ruu stabbed the potato in the stew with her fork while grinning widely.

I also eat my own stew. It's delicious. It's rich in flavor.

「What is “as expected”」

「I was thinking that Eiji is definitely the type that really like to do these kind of things. When you're anxious about something, you're the type who'll try it for the time being」

Is that so ?

It might be so.

I was scared at first but, yeah, I unintentionally got attracted by things such as skills and unknown classes.

I decided to finish my dinner.

Not, it's basically already finished right. Maybe it was already done at the time I bought the map.

「When you are done with the preparation, we'll be departing for a slightly long journey even as soon as tomorrow」

That said, I headed toward the adventurer guild the next day.

There's registration, and since if there's someone indebted to me who wants to know my whereabouts after I'm gone, they can ask the guild and know it.

It's the auspicious day when you've just thought about it.

A mercenary honors speed over skill.

「Hello~」

「Ah, Eiji-san ! 」

「Eiji ! 」

The guild which is as flourishing as usual is somehow a relieved scenery for me.

At that place, Vel and Wendy are having an idle chat across the counter.

Since it's also my counter, I joined their chat.

「Wasn't it just a while ago since you rested leisurely? You need to do more commissions from now」

「The battle few days ago was a violent one. I also want to move my body once in a while. Thanks to that, I come to the adventurer guild everyday」

「So envious, I'm tired and relaxed at the same time though」

「No, you can't, you should be more active as the person with the most merit」

Vel pushed herself on my chest while grinding her fist.

She does a lot of skinship like usual.

As expected, I also don't feel excited so soon... it seems there's a little bit and, it disappears right away, yes something like that.

「By the way, my apologies for disturbing you two in the middle of your flirting session but」

「Wha, W-We're not flirting, Wendy ! 」

「I wonder about that? It seems that way to me though」

Wendy shifted her gaze as if teasing Vel and let out an impish smile. She said that while smiling at me.

「You came today to take a commission right, Eiji-san」

「No, I have not come for that」

「Then, what for? 」

「I came to give my greetings and thanks to everyone since I'm going to leave this city」

Wendy replied immediately.

「Eh ! Is that true ! 」

「Yes. Since I also want to see the other places of this wor..... Of this country」

「What is it, that's our loss then. Though I'll be happy if you'll

continue to actively take commissions in this place」

「Ahaa, I will say my gratitude if you say so」

When I shifted my eyes to Vel, she also looked intently at me.

「Are you, really leaving? 」

「Yeah, it was already quite a long time but, I'll go to the other places anytime now」

「I see..... Well, that is so. It seems you came to this place in the middle of your journey in the first place, it's just natural that you'll be heading to another place. But, it doesn't mean that you won't come back to this place, right? 」

「That's natural. Till we meet again then」

「Well, I wonder about that」

「EH」

Vel seized my body and coiled the arms on the scruff of my neck.

Just like that, she said this while grinning widely,「I'm an adventurer too, we might meet again before you even reached your destination」

「I see. I'm looking forward to it」

Moreover, I also thought the reply was Vel-like and I replied while smiling at her.

And then, Wendy cut in with a troubled face.

「I'll be troubled if you don't come back since I can't leave that easily ! 」

# Chapter 66: [There's A Strange Phenomenon in Which You Suddenly Remember That There's Something Necessary That You Should Do or Something Important, Just Right Before Departure]

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After chatting for a while, I told the destinations where I'm going to go after this, I'll leave this information to the adventurer guild if there's someone who came asking for my whereabouts.

Though I was thinking whether Phillipe would cry, it couldn't be helped since he was absent. Well, I think he might understand since I've told my whereabouts to the adventurer guild so that he could go there and know my current location if there's something that he must do no matter what.

「Well then, next is..... AH」

While I was thinking about that, I had neared the inn. It was right at that time I saw Alie leave from the inn.

「Alie, how rare of you to come to the inn. Could it be that you have some bussiness with me? 」

「Ah, Eiji-sama. I was thinking of going back since you were absent, it's good that we met」

Alie trotted toward me while her black hair fluttered around.

「I was also thinking of looking for Alie. Since there's something I need to tell you」

「A business with me, what might it be? 」

「It's nothing, well it's okay if I tell about it later. Ladies first please」

「No, I'm fine telling it later. First please, Eiji-sama」

「No no no—— or so I say, there's no end to this, well, please take the first turn ! 」

I suddenly approached Alie and told her to go first.

Alie sighed slightly and opened her lips.

「The truth is... I decided to leave this city」

EH.

Don't tell me, Alie too?

「The truth is that I want to stay for a bit longer but, a letter has come from my hometown」

When she said that, she took a letter from the bag that she held and showed it to me. Since the seal had a tear on it, she might have put it inside after reading it. How Alie-like.

「What kind of letter it is ? 」

「It's from my mother who's telling me to return at once. She said it in soft way, but」

Alie's looked at the letter with a rare expresssion of troubled eyes, so I unintentionally burst into laughter.

「Why are you laughing. Haa, though I managed to prolong it, this is already the third letter, it is written with angry words, “If you're being irresponsible and not returning, never pass under the gate of the house again”」

Maybe it goes along with the saying, “On the third time, even someone with a face like buddha will get angry“.

But as expected, she's kinder than buddha to her daughter.

「I see, she really is angry」

「Yes. Moreover, she listened to my selfish wish to become adventurer as I wished, but as expected, I can't say anything more selfish than this, I have no way out」

「Ahaha, you're right. Well, she definitely will be pleased if you

show a lively face」

「Yes, that's right. That's why I will go back to Neman at once. But, I definitely will come back again ! Eiji-sama ! 」

「A~h, Alie... About that, even if you come, I think I won't be here anymore」

「EH? 」

I explained the plan I have in my mind to Alie who was showing a blank face. Thereupon, Alie's face became dumbfounded and then her voice became slightly lively.

「So it's like that huh. Leaving this place to travel to various cities」

「Yeah, I'm thinking of going to Prowkai. I have still not decided where I'm going to go after that yet, but I might be going to various nearby place from there. But, I am planning to go to the place they call as the capital for the time being. You see, I'm curious to know just how big the capital, Rain Saint is」

「In that case, you'll be heading to the same direction as Neman right. Please come to visit my home if you have some free time. Since Neman is along the highway right before Prowkai」

「Maybe I will go to visit. Rather than aiming for one place, I've been thinking about going around to visit various places」

「I'll be looking forward to your visit, it's a good thing that Neman is similar to Laurel. We definitely will meet again. Or rather, maybe we'll meet faster over there than when we met in this place」

「Certainly, it might be a nice coincidence」

We ended up laughing together.

「Ahaha, we really have some strange coincidences, don't we. Nevertheless, Prowkai huh... It's a place famous for its arena. There's this vigor which makes me all fired up.」



「Alie likes it too huh. Hee, somehow, it's... not surprising」

「Uh, don't you feel that I'm a slightly dangerous person?」

Alie hung her head down.

「Nope, not at all. It is something I'm glad for you know」

「Is that true? It seems that Eiji-sama expression doesn't say so...  
It's like you're teasing」

「Well now. Please give my regards to Kohl-san.. I am indebted to him, I'll be back again」

「Yes. Well then, please take care of yourself」

Alie and I do a firm handshake and then separate our ways.

With this, the thing that I wanted to do the most has finished.

I'm gathering my luggage and the confirming the time of the carriage.

「Yosh, let's go」

I look at my room for the last time, and then head toward the lobby of the inn.

In that place, was Marie and the inn oyaji.

I bent over to align my line of sight with Marie.

「See you then, Marie-chan. I'll come again when I come to Laurel」

「Yes. See you again...」

Marie immediately closed her lips closely while hanging her head down and then immediately raised her line of sight to look at my eyes.

「Please, you definitely must stay..... HERE.」

「Yeah, it's a promise」

「It's a promise. I'll look after the kitchen garden properly」

「I'll be looking forward to that」

I greet the inn oyaji who stood by her side.

Folding his hands like usual, he stood up immediately while looking at me with a scary face.

「I'm indebted to you, old man. Well, I'll go then」

And then, I looked back after leaving the inn.

At that time, I heard a voice from behind.

「You may come anytime. I'll keep your room in the same condition」

I halted my foot and then looked at the old man.

..... I was moved by his kindness.

「YES ! Thank you very much ! 」

Thus, I left the inn which I used to stay at for a long time.

Placing my luggage on the stage coach, I depart and then, wait for the person that will come.

「Too slow..... We're almost leaving you know」

「EIJI~~~ ! ARE YOU THERE~!？」

「Too slow ! 」

When I appeared from the coach, in that place was Ruu who was wearing a white blouse, slightly similar to the best clothes of town girl A\*. [TL\*: NPC]

Though I'm not used to her current appearance... It's acceptable I guess.

「Hell, that's not it. I'm not dressed, you're late, Ruu. What are you going to do if the coach is leaving？」

「Ooh, so Eiji already came. Very nice job」

「It's not "already came" you know. But, well, it's okay since you're just on time. Hey, get on quickly」

Ruu nimbly jumped on to the coach. Somehow, it seems that the reason she was almost late is because she was buying sweets. I think she's too faithful to her greed.

... Ah, it must be good if I can also eat pickled syrup of Laurel's melon. That's delicious, I don't know whether I can eat it again or not since it's Laurel's speciality. Aah, how careless of me.

「What are you feeling down for, Eiji. You must be feeling down since you're too faithful to your greed for food」

「I don't want Ruu to say that...」

At that time, the coach started to move and the driver shouted「WE'RE DEPARTING」. It seems something like this should be said before departing.

「Ooh, travelling on a coach feels good, isn't it」

Though the coach is swaying back and forth, Ruu matched it by moving her body. The coach advanced on the highway leaving Laurel behind.

「Yeah, it's fun you know」

Well then, I wonder what will be waiting at the place where I go next——

Thinking about what event would come next, I also look at the scenery outside with Ruu.

# Chapter 67: [Pioneer Village, Eigen]

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## Part 1

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Eiji and Ruu were looking at the scenery inside the swaying coach.

Even for Eiji who didn't know any place farther than Snori, it was a refreshing scenery. Though there were many prairies close to Laurel, it gradually changed into mountains and forests.

「Any information about Prowkai? They say there's an arena in that place」

Ruu continued looking outside while saying that.

Even while mixing with the footsteps of the horse, her voice was clearly transmitted.

「That's right, arena. Well, I thought you said you'll go since many big cities were nearby but, say, even the arena seems quite interesting」

「Uhn, that sound fine. Bloody battle makes your heart race ! 」

「No, I never said that far though. I expect it more to be a sports-like battle though」

「Eeh, that's quite unsatisfactory. The defeated side won't even be able to scream as their neck is taken」

What a dangerous thought.

Could it be that she lost her excitement for small stimuli due to her long life.

When I was thinking of that, she suddenly stretched her neck toward me.

「I mean, the main reason Eiji is saying that you want to go to that place is because you want to see some bloody fight, right? Who know that you're acting like goodie shoes」

「I say, you're mistaken. I, well, I've said that I wanted to see a competition but, if it's that place, maybe I'll find just the right parasite victim」

「Aah, I see」

「It's not like that but... Recently, I'm enjoying the moment when the numbers are growing bigger. Seeing the rapid increase in status and skill are healing me. It's even better if I get a rare class」

It's the pleasant feeling of high-speed leveling while hunting rare monsters and digging rare items. It made me remember about the old days. Moreover, since now that's also useful in real time, that has become a good era.

「Fuhn. It's hard to say whether it's an aspiration but, maybe, I can expect it practically. Will you say your gratitude to me? 」

「I'm fine with showing my gratitude but, what with that attitude I wonder」

When I knitted my eyebrows, Ruu pursed her lips with a dissatisfied expression.

Actually, I do feel grateful to her.

「By the way, I wonder how far is the next destination. Say, how far is it from this place?」

「Certainly, I'm worried about that. Hee~y, driver-san, is there something around this area? 」

When Ruu asked the person in front, the driver said that we'll be arriving at 『Eigen』 right away. Eigen huh, it seems it's a place called pioneering village.

「Pioneering village.....」

「What's the matter, Eiji. The look in your eyes is changing」

「Excuse me ! We've arrived ! Please drop by for a short while in this village ! If it's impossible, I'll drop you in the vicinity ! 」

「Eh, what, isn't it too fast!?!」

「If you already made up your mind, what else are you going to do. We aren't travelling in a hurry, let's just go with what you feel like」

Ruu was looking at me while smiling lightly as I suddenly made a commotion after my adventurous spirit was tickled by the so called "Frontier".

She unintentionally made a face as if saying, "You're a simple-minded person, aren't you".

「Aren't you actually a simple-minded person, Eiji. You're the type who moves immediately upon thinking something good」

「Call it normal」

The coach stopped a while after that.

After advancing for a short while into the branched road which seemingly went toward Eigen.

After the driver bid his farewell to the other passengers, Ruu and I went toward Eigen. 御者 Though there's absolutely no reason at all for us to moving separately, it seems that Ruu wants to spend the free time too.

Well, there's no reason for us to act together.

A while after we walked.

「OOOOO~H! Eiji! A village! It's a village! A splendid village! 」

Ruu said that with awfully high tension, that was a village.

No, to be exact, it's currently JUST a village.

It's different from Snori.

Though Snori was called a village, it gave the feeling of a small town; as for this Eigen, even the roads were not maintained properly. There was an awfully large gap between houses, many of

the houses were also just simple structures with one floor.

The traffic was also not that much... maybe it couldn't even be called as the main street.

But, it's neither giving the impression of a tranquil or a picturesque village.

「It's a desolate place isn't it, Eiji」

「Uhn, that's just the right expression for this place. Should I call it rustic, or maybe listless」

It's awfully not like a place brimming with the spirit of pioneering.

Well, we're looking for a place to stay and then stayed in the inn.

We heard the story from the mistress-san of the inn the next day, thus we're heading toward the jungle that was present to the north of the village.

「Fufufu, say, it feels like an adventure right」

「Yeah. It seems that beyond this point lies the place that is our goal」

The north of the village... Or should I say, we've already walked deep into the northern part of the village. The trees are already densely-packed together in the northern part, and there's a house built between that gap.

Ruu wrinkled her eyebrows when she looked at the house whose roof was squashed by a bamboo-like tree.

「I wonder if this is okay. Or rather, why is this there in this kind of place」

「It's because this is the frontier, isn't it? They've tried to make a living by standing in the front lines but, if they stopped their reclamation, the forests would recover with full power」

「I see. It's not like I asked them to completely abandon the

frontier spirit. Ha~, this is completely impossible」

「In return, let's just say that we're in exploration. Yosh, let's go」

「O~h ! 」

We're walking toward the jungle.

This village is said to increase the land in which people can live in Rain kingdom long ago in the past and now, we've entered deep into the jungle, it seems this place possesses rich natural resources in the mountain of its vicinity which is the reason why the immigration was advanced for the sake of using it for reclaiming this place.

The people who dreamt of making big gains gathered, they paved a path through the forests, dugged through the mountains, built houses, made a road. It used to overflow with life.

But..... Everything came to naught.

Though it seems there were resources, it was mostly plant resources or mineral resources, they couldn't find rare resources like black silver or sacred trees.

When it came to that, as if the tide receded, things kept vanishing whether it was the people or their wild enthusiasm, since then even the influx of people was lost, it was no longer the volume of people that used to be here, it ended up to the extent where they were just barely scraping for life by having the basics of living in this place. They had lost their frontier spirit, the thing which was left was only the desolate village. This was why it was just called a pioneering village.

Even so, maybe there's something.

I have skills such as Judgement(Plant) (Earth) and Eagle Eye.

Well, even without the fire, there could be a variety of things that majority weren't looking for, and though it does feel like there won't be large quantity of it, there's still a possibility that



something is hidden under the cover.

「It's jungle exploration and treasure hunting. Not bad for the first event on the lower world. You have good sense, Eiji」

「Right? Ah, in front of you is——」

「AU~ ! 」

Ruu, who was looking away, got her nose hit the branch of the tree.

She squatted with teary eyes, Goddess-sama is groaning.

It doesn't seem that pioneering will be an easy job.

# Chapter 68: [Jungle Traveler's Journal]

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## Part 1

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We continued forward in high spirits.

After the accident, there was a little bump on Ruu's nose, afterward, she straddled over the roots, avoided the ivies, and kept advancing while peeling off leeches.

「By the way, are we looking for sacred tree? As I thought」

Ruu asked while avoiding the locust that jumped toward her calf. I answered while picking nuts to eat.

「It seems they call it the blood tree. It has red bark and it seems the tree and shrub will shed blood when it gets a wound. It's an extremely precious material for a wand」

「Fuhn. Even if you say it sheds blood, is it really a tree? Is it not a monster that is mimicking a tree? 」

「Well, in fact, it might be red-colored sap and not blood. Maybe we won't be able to find it unless we walk deep into the forest」

There seems to be a place with bountiful resources than this place in the south part of the forest, it seems that it was also the reason why this place was abandoned.

Well, it's better than saying that they were abandoning it because of the danger, it means it's safe, but things would be troublesome if they weren't found easily.

「Well, rather than full of monsters——」

「NOOOOOOOOOOOOooo ! 」

And it was at the moment I was thinking.

Ruu was standing in the middle of air.

It certainly was not because she was flying.

Her feet were caught by a vine, and raised upside down in the middle of air.

「What a blunder ! 」

「T-thank goodness, it's not according to the [tentacle] cliché ! 」

That was a huge flower.

The flower, which had its one meter sized petals spreading on the ground, is seemingly extending its expandable vine as if it's transformed to petals on the ground, and it fished Ruu who stepped into its territory.

「DON'T~SWING~ME~AROU~ND」

As if boasting it's victory trophy, that huge flower was swinging Ruu whose feet were seized by the vine.

Ruu twisted her body so that it won't collide with the surrounding trees while screaming 「HIIIIII ! 」Or「YoU JerK ! 」.

....Or rather, she is skillful for sure.

While being caught like that, she avoided a direct hit with the surrounding trees.

As expected..... It seems she's not in a pinch.

「Uoooh」

When I thoughtlessly enjoyed that sight, the vines were coming toward my feet.

Luckily, I could dodge it since I entered alert mode on Ruu's sacrifice, without a moment's delay, I drew my sword to cut the ivy.

Ruu clenched her fist while hanging in the air.

「Nice one ! Eiji ! Keep it up and then please save me too ! 」

「Okay okay」

I quickly targetted the vines which captured Ruu.

A reaction occurred in the huge flower.

It casually threw off the captured Ruu, and then it came to attack me with its vines left open.

But, the speed of its attack isn't that great.

It can't reach me unless it laid a spiderweb-like trap. I avoid the vines without slowing down my speed toward the flower and then I cut the real body of the huge flower.

Though it didn't raise a cry of agonizing death, its vines trembled and the huge flower then stayed still.

Well, though it could be categorized as a monster, its power isn't that big deal.

「.... What the, Ruu. Are you okay!?!」

When I look at the direction where she had been thrown to and recalled in panic, she was hanging on the branch of a tree.

「Thank God, so you're safe huh」

「No, I'm not quite safe」

Ruu started waving her arms, then we keep going ahead after I save her.

「Good grief, I'm also going senile huh」

Ruu stepped on the root of the tree while grieving like that.

Though the tinge of red on her nose has subsided, she's now blushing to her ears.

She launched a suicide attack on the gargantuan drone beetle.

「From your way of talking, it's as if the you in the olden days was so great, isn't it」

「I was so powerful you know~w. Geez, it's true」

「..... Uhm, how should I put it」

So I recalled.

Or rather, it struck in my mind.

「Say Ruu, wouldn't you be okay if you somehow deal it with your God skill? There was something like that God eyes right. There might be many other amazing skills right」

That's not combat oriented but, I was expecting for her to have several other amazing skills from the so-called God.

And yet, despite waiting for her to use it, she hasn't done so.

When I pondered about it, Ruu sent a piercing glare at me.

Eh, did I just say something unpleasant.

「I can't use it」

「Eh .....? Can't use, you say? The other skill? 」

「I can't, all of that also were included in God skill ! 」

「Seriously? And why」

Ruu pointed her finger to me who was asking with a surprised expression.

「It's because of Eiji, right ! I am capable of using God's power only in that white room ! I've nothing when I descend to the lower world ! 」

EH.

Are you kidding me?

Ruu added more to the astonished me.

「The treasure called 【Seat of God】 is left in that white room. That room is the source of my power. If I left that place, I won't even be able to use powers like God eye, though I have placed my treasure in that room, I can't bring that to the lower world. In short, I can't use everything that was available to me when I was in the【Seat of God】 」

Uhm, wait a minute.

In short, from what she says, rather than a god, Ruu is.

「Could it be, do you mean that Ruu was only a girl who can use..... Treasure？」

Ruu quickly nodded in agreement to me who's asking with "Don't tell me~" style.

「Well, if I had to say, rather than God, maybe anyone who has the【Seat of God】 can be called as a God. That's why I'm like this, just a girl who can manipulate the power of God」

Ruu carelessly said that.

I touch her as if to make sure of it.

There's certainly nothing weird, and then, I could parasite to her like a normal human.

「You really are, a human」

I used half of my fingers to manipulate Parasite Info while feeling surprised.

Ruu

Classes

【Berserker 25】【Lumberjack 24】【Miner 28】

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.....EEEEH.

What the hell is with this muscle class line up.

The Goddess image within me made a collapsing sound all at once right at that moment.

# Chapter 69: [Pioneer]

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## Part 1

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「Tell me Ruu, just what kind of person are you——」

「Is there something strange? Ah, are you surprised that I've three classes? Fufun, well, I'm quite the splendid one, aren't I」

「No, that certainly is amazing, but」

Even while looking at Ruu, I can't imagine her as that kind of muscle type with her squishy body. But, appearances are deceptive. I'm also not a macho type but, my offensive power is high.

「Could it be that you become a really amazing(wild) woman when you hold an axe? 」

Ruu nodded firmly.

「Of course. Since my main weapon is axe[Berserker/lumberjack] ! The runner-up is pickaxe[Miner] ! 」

「That's too wild!」

I was looking at her making a move like showing off her biceps while laughing at her. The image of a Goddess having classes such as healer or holy attribute continued to make a crumbling sound in my mind.

「Ah, I see. You said that this place was a frontier right. In that case——」

Ruu made a rustling sound while putting her hand inside her space bag and then took out something...

「Since when did you have that kind of axe」

「Fufu, how do you think I'll do if I do not buy my own weapon. Laurel had a really nice weapon shop. It's expensive but, I bought it with money I received from Eiji」

「How much... is that ? 」

「It's okay, I also bought other items but there's still 30% left」

「Oi!」

This useless Goddess.

Just spending money as much as she wants.

She's splurging it.

Toward me who became lost, she shouldered her huge axe and kept walking toward the base of a huge tree.

And then, Ruu made a huge swing and nailed her axe to the tree!

「SEIYYYYAAAAAAAAAAAAAAA ! 」

Kan\*. [TL\* : SFX]

A huge sound, to an extent that made me astonished, resounded.

The tree is swaying greatly, the foliage is making a noise, the careless birds standing on the tree are fluttering in panic.

「Amazing」

To reach this result in just one hit, the blade of the axe sunk inside for about one third of the trunk. She certainly can make it fall with two more strikes.

Ruu looks at me while holding her axe with an aloof and prideful face.

「Fufun, amazed ? This is the power of Goddess」

I see, so this is the (muscle)power of Goddess.

Ruu continued to swing her axe again by using the (muscle)power of Goddess to her heart's content and then, easily chopped the huge tree. Moreover, she did not stop with just that one, she kept chopping down the huge trees that are growing inside the jungle one after another.

It has become an entertainment activity for her.



「PI~O~NEE~RING~PI~O~NEE~RING」

Ruu keeps chopping down the trees one after another while humming that tone.

When I asked, it seems she had some kind of aim, it was “It should be okay to have some sort of base when doing exploration”.

Though it wasn't a waste of time to start building something like a cabin rather than coming to this area from the city every single day.

「OOOOOOH... ! 」

When I am looking at this situation, beside the sound that was coming from the tree, a voice of admiration mixed together with the sound of branch breaking on someone stepping upon it becomes audible.

When I turn back, there is a man standing behind us.

This man is staring with a fixed gaze toward the tree which slanted down after being chopped by Ruu.

「Uhm, Do you have some business ? 」

「HA ! Ah, sorry, I just stared dumbfoundedly. Uhm, is the girl who chopped the trees over there your comrade ? 」

When I call him, that man looks at my direction in panic.

Seeing him like that, could it be that his age is around 20 ? He's wearing a dirty cloth, and shouldering a swelling bag like a valiant man.

「Yes. That is Ruu. And my name is Eiji」

「I see, sorry for the late introduction, my name is Drai. I'm someone from the pioneering village, Eigen but... Meeting the two of you in this place might be the guidance of the Goddess-sama. Please hear my story! 」

Ruu also came toward our direction with sparkling eyes.

Guidance of the Goddess... I wonder if it'll be alright.

「It's that place, I feel that the position is that place」

That place possesses a small spot for sunlight.

Maybe because of the how dense the jungle is, there's only a small vacant lot.

That place has become the ground to make the base, several logs have been placed over there.

She even made a small and stretched ground similar to a road.

Following Draï, we're guided to a slightly separated place which has a cabin.

Draï told us about it along the road, and about the already lost pioneering spirit.

Though everyone in Eigen village have decided to lead a quiet live, Draï believed that there's still more resources in the mine and this forest.

Despite there being nothing in shallow regions, it definitely is available deep inside.

If that can be proved and used to motivate the villagers, he believes that his action will bring back the hustle and bustle that the village has lost.

「It's similar to revitalization of the village huh」

「He~, you've quite a good taste huh~」

Ruu said that after turning around in a circle in the surroundings of the cabin, Draï hung his head down in silence.

「Though it's quite rude of me for suddenly asking for this, please cooperate with me ! 」

「Cooperate ? 」

「Yes. As you can see, though I'm planning to explore the interiors of the forest, this kind of place is necessary. The advancement is

slow and troublesome with just me alone. It should be okay if anyone wants to cooperate with me, but if it does not resulting in something, everyone won't take an action while saying "it's useless". By establishing a base camp in this place, if we discovered something in this place again, I think it'll spread to everyone after that」

I see.

He has an admirable intention huh, it feels like the saying "Youth who burns with his dream" right.

So, what should I do now. It definitely will be more useful to our exploration if we cooperate. But, if we're not doing this forever, rather than building a house, it'll be faster if we keep it at normal pace.

「Accepted ! 」

The one who accepted without hesitation while I'm thinking about it is Ruu.

「We're cooperating ! In that case ! 」

「REALLY!? THANK YOU VERY MUCH ! 」

Ruu seems to be in a very good mood when Draï bowed very deeply to us again but, WAIT A MINUTE!

「Oi, Ruu. I know of your kindness but, it'll be extremely troublesome later if you easily give a promise without considering your situation」

「It's okay, this kind of thing is my speciality you know. Moreover, I can't just keep myself in a single place when I hear about pioneering. I've established quite the reputation when it comes to pioneering, you know」

This is the first time I heard that she has that kind of reputation, anyhow, Ruu is completely fired up.

Well, if Ruu's saying that she wants to do it, I don't have the

right to stop her. Whether I'll do it or not is another story.

If I were to speak on it——

「Drai-san, I want you to say this as a gratitude for our cooperation, will you tell us information regarding this forest? We also think that it still has some resources, thus we came looking for a rare thing. But, I won't expect something great from it though」

「Naturally. I will tell you everything I know. I'm looking forward to it ! 」

Yosh. Local information is always useful.

In this way, Drai and us made a decision to cooperate.

「I'll work hard for it」

And then, I was looking at those two people who are swinging their respective axes.

They keep on chopping down the trees to continuously build a road, moreover, the chopped tree is being used for making the cabin.

Drai is also quite a good axe user, the forest is rapidly being cleared.

On the other hand, I'm keeping a lookout.

The thing I'm looking for is rare material such as the egg of the beetle or a spirit tree. Same as ever but, I was taught the place to find it by Drai.

Even for me, obtaining those items are lucky encounter, and according to Drai, if one ever found something precious in this place, that action itself will make him closer to his goal.

Walking inside the jungle is quite interesting.

I can hear the chirping of bugs and birds coming from between the densely populated trees and also smell the verdure.

The feeling of damp and moist air is making the exploration

more comfortable.

「Ooh」

At that time, I found a tree with black branches in front of my eyes. It only has one long charcoal-like branch, there's no doubt about it, this is one of the spirit trees, Lacquer Ebony. Even my【Judgement(Plant)】 skill is also saying that name. [TL : Judgement skill = appraisal]

In order to not damage it, I gouge the primary part of the branch and then only take the black branch.

As I thought, the forest really has raw materials. The only difficulty is to look for it.

「It definitely must have more to it. Oh, blood tree. I am looking for you」

Thus, I continue with my rare material hunting.

# Chapter 70: [The Road Toward The Mine]

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## Part 1

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「Iyaa, there's still way to go, isn't it」

Though the number of blood trees that I found was none but one.

After I stowed the red drop into a small bottle and brought it back along with the black ebony, I saw that Draï and Ruu were still in the middle of clearing the forest.

「GUH, So hard」

That's Draï's voice.

The axe swung by Draï is making a dry sound, it was repelled by the trunk of the tree. The whitish-grey colored tree and shrub wasn't even nicked.

Despite the fact that the surrounding trees have been chopped down, there's still one of them who continues to stand firmly in the midst of the stumps. What a manly tree.

「Your power isn't enough. Lend it to me」

Thus, Ruu comes forward and then receives the axe from Draï.

In that moment, something similar to aura starts rising from Ruu's body, she then brandishes her huge axe. The strengthened attack, which might be due to the result of the skill, silently bared its fangs on the trunk of the tree.

「OOH ! That's amazing, Ruu-san ! 」

「Fufu, this is my true power. Urya~」

Moreover, Ruu continuously hacked on the tree, and finally chopped it down... at the same time, cracks began to appear on the surface of the axe that she got from Draï, and then it was smashed.

「My axe...」

「Somehow, it seems this axe can't endure my power」

What's with that 'protagonist of a battle manga who suddenly just got a power-up'-like line.

「What a great physical power. Ruu is scary」

I replied with those words as a greeting to them.

「Ah, Eiji. Iya~, it seems I became even stronger. I'm sorry, Draï. By the way, you may use this instead」

So, Ruu gave the spare axe which she had brought along to Draï. It seems she bought two of them.

「T-Thank you very much. Uhm, please don't mind about that axe. I also have a spare axe, moreover, it's the tree which I couldn't chop down no matter what and it was supposed to be cut down anyway. Well then, Eiji-san also has come back, we should rest for a while and then building the cabin after that」

And then, we take a slow rest in the forest devoid of people, after that, we show the result of our work.

After doing that for a few days, the gathered raw materials are still low in number, I even looked for it in the vicinity of the cabin which we built. As expected, though we haven't finished building the cabin, we've chopped down the trees, thus our work could advance to some extent.

Moreover, since I found the raw material, it would be more effective to convince the cooperative workers to get cooperation by showing this raw material souvenir.

They'll start returning to Eigen with this kind of expectation.

Bu~t——

「As I thought, there's no way it'll be that simple, right」

Draï's shoulders slumped.

Though Draï advertized the raw material I found in the plaza and

bar in one hand and by greeting his acquaintances on the other, it was still useless.

The chance it could be found is just unexpectedly low, honestly it doesn't meet the condition of providing good prospects.

「Well, there won't be an immediate change. I feel that we're advancing even if it is just a little」

「Yeah, that's so right」

I'm encouraging Drai.

Maybe because Drai is also somewhat used to it, it's a blessing that he isn't feeling down.

And, just at this point. A boy comes toward us.

「Oh, Ston-kun. Could it be, you're interested」

Drai presented the lacquer ebony[black ebony] to him.

The boy called Ston immediately flicked that and then stamped it.

「Ah, what're you doing ! 」

When Ruu threw a fit while hurriedly picking it up, Ston showed his age with an odious “I~” and then ran away.

「Please stop doing foolish things and work properly ! This FOOO~~~~~OL ! 」

「AH, wait right there BRAT ! 」

「Calm down Ruu」

「MUGYAAAA ! 」

I seized Ruu's collar when she tried to chase after him and stopped her.

Though Ruu is showing an objection for being stopped, I calmly admonished her.

「That was a flag for your “one punch”」



「I won't give him one punch, you know. I'll give him two punches」

「Ha~. Goddess is throwing a tantrum at children」

「Why must I pretend to be an adult, it's boring. He won't become any good for the society if I don't educate him properly」

「Ooh, that's why no violence, let's teach that child properly by indirectly telling him the price of the material which he said useless and trampled on by using his parent」

Ruu looks at me with a gaping mouth as if she was amazed.

「Eiji, you really have a nice personality, don't you」

「My nice personality has been my only redeeming quality since a long time ago after all」

To me who's laughing with “fufufu”, Drai stopped us with a gesture.

「Uhm, there's no need to go that far. Since I'll be the one who will say it. He's the nephew of my acquaintance. Beside, I'm okay with it, well, I've no other way even if he says that I'm doing a foolish thing. It's the truth since I am yet to show any result」

Drai dropped his shoulders as if he was crestfallen with that fact.

Well, though it certainly is difficult to trust him as he still has no achievement, they don't even have compassion for him, don't they.

「Well, isn't it okay if we just find more of the materials」

「Yeah, that's right, isn't it ! 」

His recovery is too fast!

「Well then, let's go to the mine ! 」

「Mine, there's one in this village?」

「Yeah. Though it's an abandoned mine where you can't find anything. Even so, it definitely must have something. Let's go, Eiji-

san, Ruu-san ! 」

Drai walked in high spirits toward the northern part of the village.

...Isn't he showing too much spirit?

「Its feels like a hole which has been drilled out of hell, right」

The mine, located in the western part of the jungle, has its entrance gaping open in silence. Despite saying it's into the mountain, the mountain has low altitude, it feel like a cave which was drilled into the basement.

Though we continue to advance, it's just as Ruu said, there's nothing special in this place.

「I can't find anything in this place too, Draai-san」

「Yes, that is more or less the truth, we only found a small amount of black silver that was a rare metal, the percentage found wasn't that high either. Moreover, it's been determined that there might be nothing else left by now」

「There might be nothing left huh」

His voice is reverbrating inside the cave.

I could hear the sound of dripping water coming from far away. It's a place that caused my senses to be sharpened.

Within that is the reverberation of Draai's vexed voice.

「So that's the case. There might be nothing. There might be nothing in this place, the village might not be able to regain its past liveliness, that's the only thing I heard from them. It's been like that since long time ago. Even so, there might be something if everyone thinks that there's something. I'll keep trying to prove it till they agree with me. Even so, they just gave up without even trying. That's why, the truth is, I might be doing this for them to agree with myself rather than for the prosperity of the village」

「That's why you can't saying it too loudly」

「It's as you say. It's embarrassing」

「Well, isn't that a righteous reason? It's not like that doing this will turn into trouble after all. Your results are more important than your motives, it's the result that matters in the end」

Ruu said so while we keep advancing deep into the mine.

I tapped on Draï's shoulder.

「Well, that's the thing. Let's do it with patience. It won't become a minus if it's originally a deserted mine... or so I say, it might be that there was not enough effort put on too」

「Haha, yup, it's feel good when you put it like that. Yeah, let's do this」

Thus, we keep advancing into the mine. Though I'm not very sure of it... there might be something that we have found right in front of us. In this place.

# Chapter 70-A [Phillipe's Departure]

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A certain magic tool shop in Laurel.

Phillipe was deeply seated on his chair while looking but not seeing at the many things such as forceps, hammer, ore and many other things that are lined up on top of the working desk of his workshop.

On top of the work desk at one end of it, a staff polished in white color is leaning against it.

But, Phillipe was looking at that with bored expression while sighing deeply.

「What the hell is it with this work」

Phillipe stands while holding the staff in his hand and is about to test the finished product.

It was made by a request from a certain magician, the magic to lowering one's ability similar to shamanism is sealed in the wood of the staff, he's checking it on the front and back for its firmness.

It became improved by inserting a little saw blade. It satisfied the demanded requirement.

Another thing is that it can release magic blades via scrolls. When he tries to use that on an apple, it cut it nicely. This was also completed without any problem.

This moment, he is finishing this work.

But, there wasn't any sense of satisfaction inside Phillipe's heart.

Rather, what he feel was a thirst.

「It's lacking. This thing is lacking. The reason—— might be that huh」

The reason is something that he knew.

He received a big job sometime ago. It was the job to make a

magic tool to penetrate any kind of resistance, it was made using a highly concentrated magic crystal that you won't see but once in few years and a manticore as raw material.

The item of that level isn't something that would come so often and Phillipe took pride in his skill.

But, because of that, he's bored now.

High difficulty level, making use of plenty of rare raw materials, the effect of the completed magic tool must also be great, he wanted this kind of big job.

He won't be able to get satisfaction with normal jobs if he recalls such luxury again. Though Phillipe knew that it was a luxury, it couldn't be helped since that's what he wanted.

「As I thought, it's because that guy is gone」

Phillipe was pondering when that guy would bring another job again.

If it's that guy's power, he might be able to get rare raw materials by going to a dangerous place, thus he needed a powerful magic tool.

After he delivered the finished cheap goods to the owner, he decided to ask whether that guy had something else to work on.

After making a decision, Phillipe started moving immediately.

Wait for me, Eiji.

「Eiji-san has left, you know」

「WHA——AAT?」

When he went to the guild, Phillipe received that news when he was asking the receptionist about Eiji's whereabouts.

He definitely never thought that guy would leave Laurel and go to a different city.

Phillipe understood the reason why he didn't see that guy lately.

No, there's no way he'd consent with that. It's on an emotional level.

「Where is he ? Where did that guy go to!？」

「Uhm, you see, he said that he'll be going to Prowkai」

「Prowkai. I see, Prowkai huh」

Phillipe nodded so many times which jolted his red hair.

The receptionist, Wendy is grinning happily while looking at his face.

「You're the person of that magic tool shop right, say, I heard that you had even been in the capital. If it's okay with you, would you tell me about the capital for a meal ? My job is going to end soon」

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「That's delicious. We'll be going together again, right Phillipe-san？」

Firmly clasping her hand when they parted, Wendy left after she said that.

Phillipe shook his head as he walked toward the opposite direction.

It really was a waste of time.

Despite thinking that he'd get some more information about Eiji, it became a rather detailed story of reception by that one called Wendy.

Moreover, she persistently inquired about my story, what a troublesome receptionist.

「But, I have decided on what I should do」

Phillipe returned to his workshop and began to pack things.

Maybe because he'd be leaving for a long time, to suit the occasion, he decided to deliver the ordered item since the magic tool shop would also be closed for a long time.

And then, by the next day, Phillipe boarded the coach.

As for where it headed to, naturally it's Prowkai.

For the sake of living comfortably as a master craftman, he needed to receive the request and raw material from Eiji.

He started moving immediately for that very reason.

When he was about to get on the coach, a woman was already boarding the coach.

With blonde hair and blue eyes, she might have been from Snori based on her appearance.

When Phillipe ponders about such things, the coach departs.

Phillipe was thinking about how much time it'll take while looking at the flowing scenery outside.

Very little humans were walking on the highway. Hence, nature is more abundant than humanity.

After a while, currently Phillipe is currently counting the chickens before they even hatched, as to what he'll be making this time or what kind of raw materials he'll use and so on. But at this time, the coach suddenly halted, and then he heard the neigh of the horse.

「STOP ! STOP THE COACH IF YOU WANT TO KEEP YOUR LIFE ! 」

「Hyiii ! P-Please stop ! DON'T KILL ME ! 」

Phillipe sighed as he heard the cramped and frightened voice and the angry voice. This might turn into trouble.

「Geez, what a waste of time. Those trash」

After taking out several magic tools from his space bag, he's standing to leaving the coach. At the same time, his female fellow passenger also decided to leave the coach.

「What are you going to do ? You should understand the situation

outside, right ? 」

「So what, it's because the coach is in trouble, I'm just going to remove those obstacles. And you too, what are you going to do ? 」

「Hou, so you have confidence in your skill huh. It's same with you. This will end at twice the speed if there's two of us. Let's go ! 」

When Phillipe left from the coach, his fellow passenger also followed after him.

Outside the coach, five bandit-looking men were standing in the way of the coach while holding weapons in their hand. The driver seemed to be already at the verge of escaping for his life, leaving the passengers anytime now.

「Oi, don't run. I'm going to take care of these fools right now」

Phillipe jumps down from the coach after saying so to the driver.

The highway was surrounded forest on one side and meadow on the other side, no one could be seen anywhere nearby. Maybe, it was to avoid public gaze.

One of the bandits immediately raised his voice as if to scoff at Phillipe.

「HA~HA~HA, HE SAYS WE'RE FOOLS. WHAT DO YOU THINK ? 」

「Aren't you one yourself? The one who's provoking a fight is the foolish one, isn't it ? 」

「Yeah, he seems so. I don't want your life if you hand over your belonging, I'll give you a nice beating if you wish for it ! 」

The bandit wielding a curved sword rushed forward to attack Phillipe.

But, Phillipe himself possessed the magician class. He easily defended against that attack by creating a magic shield and then invoked the scroll of ice which he held in his hand.



Several icicles shoot forward and then pierce the body of the bandit.

「GAH, WHA, YOuuu」

The bandit that was beaten down cursed him.

「YOU BASTARD ! 」

Another bandit rushed at him with blatant rage.

But, he couldn't even approach Phillipe.

Phillipe used the magic tool 【Living Rope】.

That appeared as a strong and long rope which moved at his own will. It crept on the ground like a snake and then sealed the movement of the bandit by entwining his feet.

「KUH, WHAT THE HELL IS THIS THING, RELEASE ME YOU SON OF A BIT\*H ! 」

「Shut up, small fry」

He shot magic arrow on the hand of bandit which held the weapon, he then released his weapon.

And then, the rope became even more stronger, the bandit was completely restricted.

The moment Phillipe subdued the other bandit, he suddenly noticed an anomaly.

In this situation, it was better if he heard even more abusive language but, Phillipe couldn't hear anything.

Why, he turned to look back while thinking so.

「I am also done on my side, I'm finished since my opponent isn't moving, you know」

His fellow passenger smiling lightly and then, the figure of three bandits who were piled up one after another got caught in Phillipe's eyes.

Seeing that result, that woman was completely unarmed. No weapons or tools, she was not even wearing magic tools that would amplify magic power.

“No way, did she do that barehanded ? “

「Thank you very much, it seems that I'm riding on the same coach with an unexpected passenger」

「Kuku, the way you saying it is pretty cruel you know. Well, I'm glad that both of us are safe」

The woman replied while giggling to Phillipe who was clearly astonished with the situation. Phillipe asked her a question while stowing his magic tool.

「I'm Phillipe from Laurel. What's your name ? 」

「I'm Risa Haruna from Snori. I'm in the middle of a journey toward Prowkai, best regards, Phillipe-kun」

# Chapter 70-B [Risa Haruna, Bandit Suppression]

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「Thank you very much ! 」

The coachman rushed over to Risa Haruna and Phillipe.

He seemed relieved while petting the horse.

「Please get on board, we'll leave immediately」

「No, it's too early to leave」

Risa Haruna shakes her head again.

And then, she faces toward the bandits who were captured by Phillipe and calmly undoes her rope.

Thought the bandit was showing a puzzled expression, when Risa Haruna said 「Now then, you should quickly go and take these guys to call for a reinforcement」, that guy ran away without even saying his gratitude.

The coach showed an astonished face.

「Why did you let him go!? We've to hurry before he calls for reinforcement」

「There's a possibility that we'll be raided again if this region is their turf. The coach isn't fast enough and the terrain makes it easy for them to hid themselves and easy for us to be discovered. At that time, it won't be limited to just stopping the coach like before. In that case, don't you think that things will be slightly troublesome? 」

「That is true. It certainly is true. But, since we've no other way, we've no choice but to escape as far as possible」

「There's one more way. It should be okay if we crush their entire group. That sounds like a plan right, Phillipe-kun? 」

Risa Haruna turns to face Phillipe.

Phillipe nodded as if agreeing while saying [I see].

「Yeah, that seems so. Thus, we might be able to travel more pleasantly. Moreover, they came at the right moment since I've been bored lately」

「Nice answer. Well then, let's go」

Risa Haruna nodded with a really satisfied face and then followed after the escaped bandit after taking a box which was hidden slightly separate from the coach.

What she used was the unique skill of the vampire, blood tracker.

It's a skill which enables her to know the location of the other party whom she marked with blood.

”I see, it's closer than I thought”.

”In this case, it doesn't seem like there'll be anything significant to delay them in the way”.

While pondering about that, Risa Haruna continues chasing after the bandit while leading Phillipe along with her. Though she felt that Phillipe isn't even needed if it goes by her power alone, nonetheless, coming to their den was also without any difficulties. Moreover, it's only natural for someone powerful to come along with her.

After entering the forest and walking for a little while and at the same time sniffing the smell of green, they found the cave.

The reaction of the bandits which she marked stopped inside this place.

Maybe it's his destination and so, Risa Haruna's walks inside the cave without even feeling especially reserved. To Risa Haruna who's a vampire, the likes of bandits weren't worth for her to fear.

「Is it okay, Phillipe-kun. It seems that somehow there's a laughing sound from the bandit from there」

「Shall we listen to that now? We won't have followed him up to

this place if it was hard from the very beginning」

「That's also a reasonable answer. Well then, let's go」

Risaharuna and Phillipe enter the cave, the hideout of the bandits.

They install lamp inside, the guarantee for field of vision not even necessarily prepared by them.

Suddenly, they stopped.

「What the hell is this」

「Blood huh」

Blood was sticking on the walls of the cave.

And then, a bandit is gasping while leaning against the wall———  
It's not just one, there's few of them.

They're not in the situation where they can fight, they had also lost their fighting spirit and were running away when they noticed Risa Haruna and Phillipe.

「What just happened？」

Phillipe asks but, Risa Haruna shakes her head in confusion.

She never expected for this kind of situation to happened. She could not even understand the current situation.

「But, this is too unusual, shall we look for whether there's anything unusual. Anyhow, someone we don't know is already stealing our prey. No need to hold back」

「Yeah, there's no need to change the plan that we discussed on the way here. Maybe there's something I want too」

With the thief hideout already having become a dangerous place, the two of them are searching while confiscating the stolen goods. Antique items for Risa Haruna and raw materials for Phillipe.

Since there was no need for them to feel reserved.

And then, after they searched for a long time, they found a conspicuous, wide room in the inner part of the cave.

Risa Haruna could feel that her marked target was somewhere in there.

The moment her foot stepped into it.

「UWAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAaaAA ! 」

The bandit from before came swinging his sword at her while raising a loud voice.

Risa Haruna's grasped the blade of the sword which was swung at her and then confiscates it with all her power.

「GU.....KUTSU.....」

「Please calm yourself」

「Shut up ! IT'S YOUR DOING RIGHT!? ALL OF IT IS YOU AND YOUR FRIEND'S DOING RIGHT!?」

「If you mean about that disastrous scene in the cave, sorry, but you're wrong. How can we do that if we came just after you」

Risa Haruna seized that bandit just like that and waited for a while for him to calm. When she was doing that, Phillipe headed further into the room.

Phillipe didn't make any careless movements and beckoned to Risa Haruna without moving his line of sight.

「Are you the boss? What the hell happened here ? 」

At that place, was a female boss bleeding from her shoulder.

Lying on her side was a broken sword.

「A swordsman——」

「What ? 」

「It's a swordsman. A swordsman just suddenly came to our place. He came and then asked whether there's a strong person. And

then, he headed toward this room while killing my subordinates who tried to stop him, yes, his goal was me. Even someone like me was a bit confident in my skills. I tried to beat him in his own game but—— This is the result」

A swordsman—— It seems he destroyed this place on a whim. Risa Haruna asked with surprised face.

「It's nice that he didn't kill you, right」

「He say that I'm not even worthy for him to kill. It seems that he's not killing the weak, since killing without a cause isn't interesting. Thus, he would rather have me keep living while embracing such feeling of humiliation, what a terrible disappointment」

The boss laughed as if mocking herself.

And bashed on the earth while laughing.

Risa Haruna and Phillipe did nothing but exchanging glances to the unexpected situation at each other.

「Good grief, we were stopped by such an unexpected event huh」

「Yeah. It was such a strange event」

By the way, since the safety along the way had been guaranteed, the two returned to the coach with the spoils of battle in their hand, and the coach continued advancing along the highway again.

As for the bandits, they decided to make a report about it including their hideout when they arrived at the city. That's what they requested to the coachman.

Though they may have already escaped at that time, or already disbanded. And then, they must report about that mysterious swordsman too.

「Well, he has not even left any tracks, now we've returned to the starting line. Come to think of it, Prowkai you say? Risa Haruna is also heading toward the same place as me huh」

「Yeah, what a coincidence. I'm going to meet someone」

「Hee. And why do you want to meet him」

「I was always in the village but, I received a stimulus lately, you see. So, I thought that it might be interesting to travel to sightsee various place」

Since it was a rare occasion, though she thought that it might be even more interesting if she invited the origin of this stimulus, that person had already left Laurel. After collecting information in Laurel, Risa Haruna who knew about it also headed toward Prowkai.

Though a journey without any goal is okay, it was even more interesting with a goal. By the way, she's established a goal called looking for Eiji, and hence Risa Haruna was currently enjoying the journey even more. And yet, half of her enjoyment was the feeling that she didn't mind about failing to find him if he can't be found.

The coach which they were riding on continued to advance——

「Please stop」

Risa Haruna suddenly said that to the coach driver.

The coach driver's stopping the coach while surprised by her.

「There's a road over there, is there any kind of village or city at the end of it」

Risaharuna's pointing at the small road which branched from the big highway on which the coach is advancing. The coach driver nodded and then explained.

「Yeah, there's small village called Eigin over there」

「I see... Okay then, I have decided to go there. It seems to be hard for this coach to pass that road with its width. Let me to go down in this place. So that's the case, Phillipe」

Risa Haruna said that to Phillipe who was still inside the coach.



Phillipe tilted his head.

「What just happened? Didn't you say that your goal is Prowkai? 」

「Change of schedule. I was fond of a journey due to the change of mood. Well then, we'll meet again if fate lets us to do so, O eccentric magic tool maker」

「Aren't I the one who must say it to you, O eccentric one. A villager, and yet having an unidentified overwhelming power. Well, it became a nice way to kill sometime in the middle of journey. See ya」

Risa Haruna and Phillipe bid their farewell to each other after the coach stopped, and then Risaharuna descended to the ground with all of her luggage.

After raising her hand slightly toward Phillipe, she took a different road apart from the coach.

「The smell of this『Power』—— it's him huh. I almost missed him. Fufu, it seems like you were off your journey」

The vampire happily heads toward the pioneering village somewhere forward.

# Chapter 71 [In The Mine]

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## Part 1

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The mine of Eigen.

Despite the three of us, namely Ruu, Draï and I, continuing to loiter around looking for something, we still couldn't find anything.

KII! KII!

「WOW ! Is that a bat!?!」

「Moreover, there's lots of them ! 」

Group of bats suddenly started to fly when we're walking. Though we're holding our head down, we can't do too much.

Rather, they've come to attack us.

「Scatter ! Scatter ! 」

It's extremely irritating when there's almost no damage.

I'm trying to randomly shoot magic arrow.

KII....

Ah, it hit.

It seems it landed on the unconscious one. The matter of combat against monsters has already ingrained deeply into my body and I'm about to transform into a slightly dangerous man. Now focus, keep your focus.

Nonetheless, maybe because their allies had got scared, the surviving bats escaped to a deeper place. It seems that my achievement has been acknowledged by them for the time being.

「Ooh, nice, Eiji!」

「Fuu, it's rare for a lot of them to come in flocks like this. Could it be that Eiji-san and Ruu-san's blood's delicious?」

「Ahaha....」

「The bats here are edible」

Drai started to dispose off the bats while saying those words.

But, I felt like running back as I had a bad premonition on seeing that. If I remember correctly, didn't those bats have a lot of parasites and others microorganisms on them ? .

「Some varieties can't be eaten. But, this is the kind that is being consumed right from the past.」

Drai said that as if guessing what I am thinking. Perhaps, the people that come to this village often say such things.

Bat yakiniku with various this and that is served. It's quite delicious with its cartilage-like crisp texture.

Thus, we begin our search activity again after a short break but, we still can't find anything. What should I d——Ah, that's right. Don't I have the most suitable skill for this situation?

If it's me who has these two skills 【Stone Gnawer】 【Judgement(Earth)】, I can gain information regarding the solids and landscape around this vicinity by eating soil.

When that idea struck me, I decided that I must at least try it. So, I quickly chose the place that seemed clean and tried to eat the soil that was gouged out from the earth wall.

Fumu.... It has a distinct sweet flavor, a really refreshing mint-like flavor. I thought that it was not a bad flavor.

「Eh, Eiji, what are... ? Just because you couldn't get full enough from eating the bats, for you to eat soil is.... 」

When I turned around on hearing that voice, Ruu dragged her gaze away from me.

「Y-You misunderstood ! It's not the case ! 」

「I'm sorry for not being sensible enough... Uhm, I will bring my

dried meat too, please take it...」

「Please stop conversing with such a serious tone, Draï-san !  
Rather, it's hurting me, you know ! 」

Or so I say, no, that's not what I mean!

Definitely not that !

「It's my skill, my SKILL you know ! It is the kind of skill which lets me know the minerals present in this place ! It's the truth, I'm not lying. Yeah, the sign of rare minerals is—— It's over there !

I explain my skill to them and then go toward the place where I felt it. Though it was a dead end, when I continued to advance for a while, in front of me was a thin wall.

It made an echo when I tried knocking it.

It seems there's a natural space existing beyond this wall.

「Maybe we can go inside if we take a detour but——」

「Say, digging it is faster than looking for a road to it. Lend it to me.」

As soon as she says that, Ruu receives a pickaxe from Draï. And then, she nailed it to the wall while raising a manly voice with “URYAAA”.

Making an “I~~~I” sound, the wall is slowly shaved off, and in the blink of an eye, a hole on the wall that has the size of an adult is created.

「Your power is amazing as usual, isn't it」

「Fufu, power is justice」

We pass through the newly formed hole while thinking that the God-like speech felt more like a young boy's speech. That moment, Draï raised his voice.

「AH ! THERE IT IS ! It has black silver, and there's even Magi sapphire ! 」

When I turn to the place he's pointing at, at that place is a lump of stone releasing black light. There was also some sky blue stones embedded on the wall.

We hurriedly go there to have a better look at it.

There's no doubt about it, it was a gem.

「It really was in this place, you're amazing, aren't you Eiji-san ! 」

「Not bad, Eiji」

When I receive their praise..... I feel soooooo good.

Hahaha.

「Hmhm, now you can praise me more, you know」

「Yosh, let's do our best and dig more of it~」

「YES ! 」

Those two started to dig the rare minerals that we just found after giving their reply. Kuh, it's cash huh. .... Well, I should dig it too for sure!

「Fu~h, that was splendid.」

「Yes. Thank you very much ! 」

After we searched for it in several other places after that, we discovered several minerals again. But, it was not in large quantity so far. Well, we got plenty enough in terms of volume for the first day.

After continuing that for few days, we couldn't get the same amount like the first day but, since we got some【Result】, Drai's going to challenge by himself again.

And to increasing his cooperative workers, he's going to invite others with these raw materials as presents.

Bu~t——

「As I thought, there's no way it'll be that simple, right」

Drai's shoulders slumped again.

Drai is advertizing in the plaza and bar with the raw materials on one-hand. But, despite calling his acquaintances, it's not successful.

The chance it's found is just unexpectedly low, honestly it doesn't meet the condition of the kind of good prospects that people expect.

It same as before after all.

Nothing has changed.

「Well, I won't bring you trouble if there's no change with this. But, this matter is clear thanks to both of you. Now, I can keep going without losing my aspiration」

「Drai-san—— Yes, please do your best.」

「Well, if you feel like it, come back to pioneering again. It'll be okay as long as you make some progress, ri~ght」

Ruu and I said our farewell to Draï in front of the bar—— Or so when we were about to.

The boy, Ston was coming toward us.

Ruu's having an expression as if being threatened. This guy's the type that holds grudges huh.

「Hello Ston-kun, what's matter」

Drai lowered his body and asks him. ㄟ

「—— ell me」

「EH? What? 」

「Tell me when you will be going now ! I'll be going along ! 」

「EH——」

Drai eyes opened wide in astonishment. Though he tried to say something at that moment, Ston had already run away leaving us

behind.

I see, I see.

That hateful attitude of him was because Ston was really worried about Draï deep in his heart. All along more than the other people, the things done by Draï.... Especially the things he did vigorously again in this village.

「You're glad right, Draï-san. You have a very reliable ally in some meaning」

「....Yeah. Thank you very much ! If both of you hadn't come here, I wouldn't have been able to show my aspiration to Ston-kun. Though I'm saying this when you're about to leave, please come again anytime」

Of course, Ruu and I nod together. If possible, there might be earth shaking changes when we come next time.

One thing or another, after spending quite a long time we managed to finally find the successor of cooperative workers safely, and we got raw material too. So, I was talking with Ruu that we'd be going toward Prowkai and will depart from Eigen soon.

And then, we sleep at our usual inn.

## Chapter 72 [Ruu]

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「Well, shall we go then?」

「Ou, GOGOGO ! 」

The next day, Ruu and I started our preparations to leave Eigen.

I can do things which I couldn't do until now like digging and cutting, like going into the mine and jungle, I'm really enjoying it.

We left the inn while thinking about what kind of new things we'll do next.

It was at that moment.

「My, here you are, Eiji-kun.」

When I look at the direction of the voice that seems familiar, a certain blue-eyed, blonde-haired woman exuding a unique charm was standing at that place.

「Risa Haruna-san ? Why are you in this place?」

We mutually exchange our situations.

Having unusually travelled toward the same place—— In short, it appears that she's travelling without any peculiar goal but —— the thing that I understood is that we're the so-called fellow travellers, so we decided to travel together toward Prowkai.

In regard to the things that a coach will just come twice a week to this village, Ruu and I, who noticed our foolishness after packing up, decided to waiting for one more day and boarded the coach the next day.

For that reason, currently Ruu, I and, Risa Haruna have boarded on the same coach which is advancing along the highway.

「Nevertheless.」

Risa Haruna let out a deeply emotional voice.

「Never have I thought that Eiji-kun will be going along with her.」



「Her? Is it about Ruu? 」

What is this, I wonder.

An acquaintance..... It seems not, she came to the surface world just recently.

「Sure things. I never imagined that you'll be lodging in the same room as the Goddess. Truly an out-of-common norm man.」

「Go... ! 」

I bend my body forward.

Just now, she said “Goddess” right? Risaharuna.

「Do you know her? I mean about Ruu, Risaharuna-san」

「Ah. Of course. Because that girl over there is the Goddess personage who's revered by humans, right? She really is the resemblance of it. The stone statue of the temple. No, should I say that the stone statue is the one that looks exactly like her.」

ARE YOU KIDDING ME!

Certainly, Risa Haruna isn't a normal human but, why does she even know something like Goddess.

When I'm surprised, Ruu was looking at Risa Haruna with a look as if saying “well done”.

「He~. To have a human who knows about me is also something rare you see. In the first place, I think the statue is just right though.」

「The reason I know that is because I'm not a human you see. It's because I was one of the monsters that was sealed by the Goddess. So, you can't expect me to forget it.」

Sealed by the Goddess?

Eh?

What do you mean?

「AH ! You're a monster huh. It's no wonder, moreover, could it be that you're a long lived one? 」

「Ah. I've been living for few hundreds years.」

「O~h. I see. That means, even at that time... I wonder if it's okay with you.」

When Ruu squinted her eyes to stare as if peeking at Risa haruna's intention, Risaharuna burst into a laugh as if it's strange.

「That's already a story of the long distant past, I'm not really resenting you for that. At least, that was a trivial matter to me on those days though.」

「Hohou, I'll keep that in my mind. As expected of the one who has experience and wisdom.」

They're talking about one thing after another without holding back for some reason.

Their conversation..... Is, something I really can't follow through.

Even after they were done with their super elderly talk, the content still is incomprehensible to the newcomer me.

Or rather, when I'm thinking about about it, I wonder what kind of person Ruu is.

I heard about the power of the God when we're in the space she call as the "Seat of the God" but, in the first place, why would Ruu be able to enter that kind of place.

Moreover, she's also revered as a Goddess and has her name known by many people.

I completely never heard about that.

「Hey Ruu——」

In the slightly shaking coach.

Along with the clattering sound of its frame, I asked the details

about how Ruu became a goddess to Ruu and Risa Haruna. And then, the link of that story with Risa Haruna.

The story begins with the tale of a very long time ago – to the point that no one knows when it is exactly.

It went back to the time period during which Rain kingdom didn't exist yet.

At that time, powerful monsters, far more powerful than the one that currently on the ground, were running rampant and it seems the human race was living a quiet life clumping together inside the caves or deep in the forests where those monsters wouldn't notice them.

Naturally, there's no country as those humans were living separated from each other.

But, at a certain point of time, the monster started to disappear from the ground. And then, when the people noticed that the ground turned into a safe place, one girl appeared.

She cleared the forest with the axe that she held in her hand, leveling the rocky area and then made a plain. She brought various resources to humans with this process. People started following her, and the place for humans to live expanded by large margin.

And then, the one that was born due to it is the Rain kingdom.

After the people started to prosper and began to build their kingdom, the girl laughed as if feeling relieved and then, she disappeared. Henceforth, the humans came to call the era upto the period of the founding of the nation as the era of the dawn, everyone revered that girl as a Goddess.

Thus, the world of the humans flowed on till the current era.

「I see, for a God with this kind of detail is——」

Was that the reason she loves pioneering?

Or maybe, the axe and pickaxe is the meaning of her existence.

But——.

「Why did Risa Haruna do most of the explanation?」

「I mean that's the tale of a long time ago, you see. Or, should I say that I can't remember that far, Risa Haruna has a good memory right.」

「Since that was the most important even for us, the monsters. When we were celebrating our heyday, we suddenly weakened when we're on the surface ground, our power was lost, and we disappeared to the depths of the dungeons.」

Risa Haruna says so.

In short, you've been living from those days huh.

Crap, I wonder what is the average age of the people in this coach.

「Even so, it's not strange if you're really despising her for that.」

When I ask that, Risa Haruna shakes her head.

「Most of the things you say as monster is an ephemeral capricious existence. The thing that happened few hundred years ago is mostly a trivial thing to us. Well, one part of us might hold grudge for that but, I'm personally fine with this situation. I've been enjoying the culture and the world of humans. Though whether it's humans or demons, I can say that it's trivial matter and I'm okay with whichever side prospers.」 [TL : Let me say this first, Risaharuna's extremely powerful and special case according to a certain loli which will appear later]

「Fuu, thank goodness. And here I thought that you'll suddenly bite at us.」

Ruu says so while laughing.

Maybe, Risa Haruna in that ancient time might have not met Ruu on the surface world. Which means that she saw Ruu but didn't stop her, she might really be fine with whatever happens.

..... Even so, how did Ruu manage to pull out such stunt?

Ruu's current power, I think, it's not to the point of being able to cleanly sweep away the monsters on the surface, to be honest, does she have such amazing power and even was able to found a nation using that?

「You see, I actually can perfectly master and control any kind of treasure. I've this kind of skill. That's the reason for me being called as God by humans. Fufu, amazing right.」

Ruu placed her hand on her waist and made a manly pose while saying those unbelievable words.

# Chapter 73: [The Coach Route]

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## Part 1

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When she noticed, Ruu was already holding one of the treasures.

That's the world axe, Grand Guignol. Ruu can use it as if it's natural for her. Though she didn't think that was something special at first, for the other people, that was treated as nothing but a blunt axe. And then, she understood. That is a treasure, and Ruu's called as a unique existence who can use that treasure since then.

Even if it's another treasure, Ruu could use it with ease without any kind of trouble. For humans, she's a target of admiration, and fear but Ruu, who can freely display the power of treasure which couldn't be used no matter what the other humans do, can't be seen as nothing but as someone who possesses the power of God, right.

And then, Ruu opened a hole in the world with her world axe.

The high density of demon element, filling the entire world, faded away into that hole.

When the demon element became weaker, the powerful monsters lost their place on the surface world.

There were ones who got weaker, ones who died, ones inside the dungeon, etc, etc, they evacuated toward the place where demon elements still remained.

And then, the weak humans were the only ones left on the surface.

After Ruu built the kingdom with the power of the treasure, in the very end, she used the power of the world axe to tear the space and time, the treasure remained in legend, and she opened the path to the seat of God and ascended toward that place.

Of course, what I mean is that Ruu, who can use the power of treasure, became a God and then continued watching over this world until now from that space, or maybe a room, or a garden.

「Haa... I can say that Ruu spent quite a dramatic life as a human」

「Of course, it is. That's why I'm filled with life experience, right」

Ruu got cocky and proudly stated that.

Certainly, she has more life experience than me. Quite a unique one, though.

「But, Risa Haruna is also really knowledgeable about Ruu.」

「Isn't that so. Well, though I don't know about the particular details, she sealed the monsters which then became the foundation to build the kingdom by pioneering this surface world itself is quite a famous story, right. Of course, that doesn't mean that everyone knows about this fact, it seems you're also blind in this matter.」

That was true huh.

Well, now that she's saying it, it doesn't feel strange even if the majority of the myths surrounding the founding of a nation is related to the anecdote of God's faith.

Whether it's the fact that she can freely wielding the power of the treasure, or the fact that she was already holding the world axe before she even noticed it, it seems no one but Ruu was aware of it.

When I ask about it for the second time, Ruu said that it was because she was a great person. She said that she was originally not a God. This means that she is quite amazing despite not being a God.

Moreover... when you're talking about a treasure, controlling it is truly a hard matter. Even the Eye of Akasha, which ran wild due to tools and then caused the event in Laurel, and the demon lance, Blood Licorice, which ran wild and turned into a demon, couldn't display their true powers. Also in the latter's case, according to

Risa Haruna, it was weaker than when she was rampaging with it using the power of blood sucker.

Pulling out the full power of that kind of treasure, moreover wielding it at will. It seems that Ruu's the holder of an extremely amazing skill but, except for some people who gain this kind of power with their class, there's also one who's born with it. It might be because my parasite info can see nothing but only class.

When I'm admiring that fact while enjoying the jolting coach——  
Eh ?

「It could be that but, you say that you made a hole in the world with world axe, could it be that——」

I bring my face closer to Ruu, and I asked since there's a certain connection with the event which became the cue of me being summoned to this world.

Ruu nods in no time.

「Yeah. The concentration of the demon element will keep getting thicker rapidly if it's left alone. In short, it then turns into the case in which powerful monster like the one in dungeon start appearing on the surface world. So I have no choice, when its concentration reached a certain degree, I made a hole in the world to send that demon element to another world to circulate the atmosphere, you know」

「.... So, what you say that time about replacing the atmosphere was something like that, right」

「Yup. For some reason, it seems that Eiji's world is a world completely devoid of powers like magical power, that's why even if demon element enters your world, it'll get neutralized by the atmosphere of your world. Maybe because of filtration, your world exists without an existence like magic」

So, that was the reason huh.

My world was using some kind of filtering equipment. Well,



yeah, when not equipped with ventilation, the atmosphere will deteriorate similar to my room or this world.

「..... When you say that, then could it be that, tell me, are you currently unable to using that axe and that seat of God? Which is beyond the heaven...」

「Yeah, that's right you know.」

「When you say that, then the thing which can adjust demon element? There's no other way to collect it? 」

「Yeah, that's right, you know」

「Won't the monsters become powerful then? Isn't the world currently in grave danger? 」

「Yeah, that's right, you know」

Logically, it ended up like that.

The world is pitted in great danger due to my summon.

I separated my face from Ruu.

「What should I do. You said that the demon element will be accumulating without the world axe but, is there no other way to decrease the accumulation? 」

「Maybe there's another way but, I don't know about that.」

「Well then, how about the method to go to the seat of God? 」

「I can go there if I make a tear in the time and space with the world axe, you know」

Uhm, in short, when arranging the information in my head.

The world axe is necessary to flush out the demon element.

The world axe is currently left in the seat of God.

The world axe is a must have item to go to the seat of God.

「In short, aren't we checkmated ! 」

It's just like the situation where the key of the car is inside a

locked car. Why did it turn into this kind of trouble. No, I just accidentally summoned her with a strange skill.

Risa Haruna called me while I was in worry.

「Though I don't know the full details, though I don't mean to pry on your secret, do you mean that you lost the way to decrease the amount of demon element？」

「That's right, Risa Haruna. We're screwed.」

## Part 2

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Ruu's replying as if she doesn't feel that it's troublesome.

Risa Haruna's holding her stomach as if she's amused by it.

「Ahaha, isn't that such an amusing blunder. Could it be that the day I regain my power is close by？」

「No, that's not laughing matter...」

「Well, that's laughing matter, you know. In my opinion. I think that it might become soon.」

「That's right. I think so.」

The duo of Risaharuna and Ruu nodded together.

Eh, what the hell is this situation. There's some kind of understanding within the old-age team.

「Different from the mankind who were so brittle in the past, perhaps the current mankind could face against the powerful monsters.」

「So that's the case. I also can be discreet with the timing, right. I've been called as something like the guardian of the humankind but, I wonder how I do that even when I only did things randomly. It's better if they can somehow do that by themselves. Maybe, I think this is the right time. Even when seeing it with God eyes, I think they're extremely powerful.」

「Haa, I see. Well then, shall we say that all is well. Well, I am also

quite powerful as an adventurer. I'm relieved」

「In the first place, it shall be changed but, since it'll take ten-odds years to dozens years until the concentration of demon element thickens, so there's no need to be flustered. ....But, since I've left many private properties at that place, you'll be reflecting on that matter! Eiji ! 」

「Uuuh... Yes, I'm sorry」

I apologized while my cheeks are being grinded with her fingers.

Well, it's fine sine the world is in peace for now.

Even so, I'll put a little consideration to find out the way to the seat of God. I didn't put enough consideration in it when I came before but, I would like to see more of it as I know it is such a wonderful place.

I mean it piques your curiosity when you think about the place where the God is residing, right. If it's an RPG, the feeling is just like step before the last dungeon. Rather, if God is the last boss character, it's definitely the last dungeon.

But, there's history with Ruu. I can say that there was history with Ruu but.

It seems that Risa Haruna was also already existing in the same timeline, what's with this aged party.

「Well, I'm glad that I know about various things——」

And then, our coach jolted again for a while.

I expected that we'll be arriving in Prowkai soon enough.... But, it didn't seem so.

There's a small town, or should I say the satellite city of the Prowkai metropolis in the place we're waiting for a while while tasting the all-you-can-eat local fruits.

There's no particularly important event which is worth to mention, we stayed for 10 days in this city and then departed again

toward Prowkai. [TL : WHAT HAPPENS IN THE NIGHT?]

This time, we're truly heading toward Prowkai.

And then, few hours after getting on the coach——

「Dear passengers, we're arrived. It's Prowkai.」

I, who's dozing off, was awakened by the voice of the coach driver and then descended from the coach.

Ruu and Risa Haruna also descended along earlier, and there, the unknown town was spreading right ahead of us.

「Ooh, so this is Prowkai.」

「Still, the atmosphere is a bit different from Laurel.」

「It's been a long time since I've come to this place and, as expected, the atmosphere hasn't changed that much.」

After each of us stated our impressions, we're entered Prowkai.

The atmosphere is a little different, and yet the buildings and the roads aren't that much different from Laurel. The people walking on the roads too aren't different, well it won't be different so much since both cities are still in the same country.

But, there was one great difference.

「That white thing, is the coliseum huh.」

The big amphitheater can be seen.

You can say that the coliseum is the symbol of this city.

Many thick white pillars, which are rising above, also give quite an impact to the view even while seeing it from a distance.

「Don't you want to explore that place?」

Ruu and Risaharuna also agree to my suggestion.

While thinking “Aren't we completely a tourist here”, we decided to scout for an inn first.

After choosing a middle class inn, we, who became more nimble,

headed toward the coliseum immediately.

The coliseum is located in the northern part of the city, the point before that coliseum is a plaza. That place is filled with people regardless of their age, thereby being filled with thriving businesses.

There's a lot of stalls in the plaza too; food, accessories, and there's even weapons being sold there.

「Yo, that onii-san and the ladies over there, how about some weapons for you? This spear is the same model with the one used by that Jackrosa Tetra! You can boast that you've it!」

The man from the stall which have weapons lined up in it is calling to us.

I've no plans to buy it but, I should go to check it for a while.

「Jackrosa you say, who is he? Ojii-san」

Ruu asked and then the shopkeeper clasped his hands together while happily answering her question.

「You don't know about Jackrosa, missy!? That's something that I can't let just pass by. If one were speaking about Jackrosa, he's the most handsome even amongst the fighters of that place. I can assure you that you'll come back dizzy whether you're man or woman due to his beautiful face and the way he moves his spear – like flowing water. Well then, is this the first time you've come to Prowkai?」

「Yeah, we're going to venture inside after this.」

「As expected. So that's why you don't understand no matter how much I say about it. Yosh, go and take a look inside the coliseum first! If you come to see him, you definitely will come wishing to get my weapon. Don't forget that beside Jackrosa's, I also have Kean and Haruel models!」

The shopkeeper gave a thumbsup while sending us off and then

proceeded to greet the next customer. He's someone who goes by momentum, huh. Even so, famous fighter he says? Being able to teach us that, he seems like a good person.

「Well, would you like to meet that person he introduced before?」

「Uhn, let's go to meet him !」

As expected, we should go from the best first. Thus, we start heading toward the arena.

# Chapter 74: [The Fighters of The Coliseum]

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## Part 1

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「Fumu. This is so good eh.」

Risa Haruna's showing an expression of admiration while eating the fruits from the foodstalls. When I also try to eat the grapes to test whether it's really that delicious, certainly, the moment my teeth tore the thin skin of the fruit, a certain refreshing and sweet fragrance aroma spread within my mouth.

Yup, it's delicious. When I think so, Risa Haruna's heartily eating a cherry-like fruit and a small peach which have soft hair growing on them from the other stall.

「Say Risa Haruna, so you're a fruit lover.」

「Rather than fruits, I love any kind of food.」

Risa Haruna replied with the cherries shaking on her hand.

「I'm really fond of delicious things since long time ago, you see. I love humans since they're putting more ingredients and cooking than those zombies and liches.」

「Those are undead right, I just can't imagine the scene of them cooking their food.」

「So that's the case. Moreover, it's been—— a long time ago since when I came for the first time but, I noticed that the food has become more delicious than the food of those times. Maybe, they do selective breeding. Thus, I can enjoy while wandering around today.」

He~. So they do something like that in this place too. Maybe the people whose farmer class level is high have done their best.

....Yup, I recalled that it's within the call of my parasite.

There's an arena, if there are fighters, there should be

considerable chances to parasitizing the other parties who have some ability.

Maybe because that ossan\* of the gift shop was the third one who said that, the other fighters might have quite the influence too. If possible, it's better if they're stronger than me. The effect of parasite is also higher on those people. [TL\* : Uncle]

「Even so, let's go there after we eat... a bit more. I'm sorry.」

Being pushed by human wave, I'm colliding with the people beside me.

There is a blonde haired man with a spear on his shoulder.

Say, I feel like I saw this spear before... Ah, isn't that from a while ago.

Could it be that he's that Jackrosa, in person ?

No, it might not be him, he might be someone who bought a replica souvenir or some sort of it.

「I-Isn't that person over there is Jackrosa-sama ? 」

「It's the real one, when I see that cool expression.... AH, he glanced at me just now ! 」

「No, that's just your imagination, right.」

I just heard something.

When I looked toward the direction where those voices are coming from, three young men are making merry in the surrounding at our distance.

It seems he's the real one.

Could it be that he's going for a meal before his match after this.

It's nothing but a big chance for parasitizing huh.

Thus, I'm trying to nonchalantly touch him.

Uhn, it came with a slight spark. It seems he might have a skill or



equipment against abnormal conditions. Even so, there's a certain Anti Dispel amulet in me, I'm glad that I made that one.

Well then, let's see the information right away.

【Paladin 50】【Priest 25】

.... It seems I just saw something amazing.

Paladin 50 it says, a LEVEL 50 it says!

I said "it's better if there's someone stronger than me" indeed but, isn't this like an unknown high level one suddenly came to me. In addition, he also has priest class, it seems the battle style which I can see already is screaming the combination of super iron wall with shield and healing magic styles.

Anyhow, I just suddenly caught a fine result.

This is a good sign, so I can expect for the next one too.

The three from before came to me while making a delighted face. Or not, of course they're not coming for me, they're coming for Jackrosa Tetra.

「U-Uhm, please do your best in today match.」

「....Yeah」

「Uhm, I'm your hardcore fan, will you do a handshake with me?」

Jackrosa clasps his hand with the man in the middle of that trio in silence. That man wrapped his hand with his clothes with a delighted face. What, is that protection against oxidation?

「I'm sorry, my friend wanted to talk no matter what ! The truth is you can't do unnecessary things to the fighter before his match.」

「It's nothing. I don't mind about that.」

Jackrosa replies in calm and uninterested tone to the man who left behind while apologizing repeatedly to him.

I wonder if he's used to it or is it just his personality ? Maybe he's an unsociable person for curtly giving that handshake, he's quite a

vague person.

I keep staring at him and then, Jackrosa left his seat to head toward the coliseum. Though I feel that he looked at my direction in that instant, it might be my imagination. It's not like I'm doing something strange.

But, as expected, there's a powerful person in this place. I should go inside right away.

I call Risa Haruna and Ruu and then enter the coliseum.

There was a lobby when we entered the coliseum. The place to make an arrangement to purchase the audience seats by paying money is in this place. If one were speaking of their first impression, it would definitely include having a maze-like interior though there's a guide that will give a polite and thorough guidance.

Since it seems this place is also a famous tourist attraction, maybe there are many people like us. After ascending the stairs, we're arrived at the audience seats.

The audience seats were also shaped like stairs, It's often the case that the price of good seats are higher. There's even a private room with special seats, that place even offers high-ranked beverage and food. Well, since I'm not going to try with such full-blown seats, I decided to try the normal seat.

There are many people in this place. It seems the battle is quite a popular amusement.

「That's an amazing number of people, right Eiji ! 」

「Yup! More than I expected ! 」

The surroundings are also considerably noisy, it's hard to do a conversation unless you're shouting at each other. My feeling says, 'The heat is at it's peak!'.

「Why are they not starting it quickly ! AH ! Here it came ! 」

## Part 2

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The fighters made their entrance into the circular arena.

The cheering became even more thunderous.

The audience seats are surrounding the arena which are located in the lower place. The arena is an empty smooth field of land.

But, after I heard the explanation, it seems they'll put an object if it's necessary. It's not like they have only simple battles, they also do battles of certain conditions.

「Oh, he's the one from a while ago.」

Jackrosa Tetra made his appearance.

He's carrying a round shield and long spear, I keep hearing the audience calling his name when he's entering the arena.

His opponent is a man of magician style who wore a robe.

They take positions which are considerable distance from each other and, the battle began with the sound of a gong as the signal.

The match was an one-sided battle.

Though the magician attacked from a distance by using magic skills such as magic arrow, magic bullet, moreover ice-based, all of those only struck Jackrosa's shield.

And then he advanced bit-by-bit, the magician who couldn't escape to the side kept retreating behind and was then cornered to the wall.

Finally, when the magician lost the place to retreat, he entered Jackrosa's spear's range.

But Jackrosa isn't flustered.

He kept cutting off the opponent's place of retreat while guarding against his magic and steadily attacked with his reliable spear.

The chain combo of swinging his spear after guarding from an

attack and following it by fixing his stance with shield again was accurate, smooth and, fast; it was as if it's part of one series of movement. The matter of him having polished his basic skills and abilities is something that can be seen at a single glance.

And then, after receiving several blows, the gong made incessant sounds, and the magician falls on his knees and the battle closes down its curtain.

「That person is really powerful right ! 」

「Ah. It seems that he's not just simply popular. His attack are fast and heavy. Just one of his attacks will greatly shave away your endurance value.」

The endurance value said by Risa Haruna is a certain lithograph which is displayed above the head.

It's similar to his own status which can be seen by us, the status which can displayed by means of a gauge and the percentage is displayed on the indicator built on the walls of the arena.

Endurance value—— That is the value which decides victory or defeat in this arena.

The people who fight in this place are equipped with magic tools which function like a barrier, this endurance value will keep decreasing when one receives attacks.

It seems one will be declared loser when their endurance value reaches zero.

And yet, it seems there's no one who's gravely injured.

With guarantee for safety and peace of mind in this way, the children can also come to see the fight.

And yet, even while I'm thinking that there are such convenient magic tools, the battle advanced to the next card.

「OOOOOOOOOOOOOH ! 」

「HARUEL-CHAN ! 」

It suddenly turned into loud cheers.

What kind of a person is that just coming out?

When I look toward the arena——

The back of a girl who's walking toward the arena comes out from our side's gate. I can see a relatively small build and light brown-colored hair with bob cut.

She turned toward our place while walking toward the arena. When she waved her hand with a smile from ear to ear on her charming face, the uproar intensified even more.

Some part of the audience are even standing up from their seats.

She's really popular huh, or rather she has good look and is also giving a good service. I can understand her popularity.

「But, I can't place parasite just by looking. The most important thing is skill.」

That's also amazing.

Haruel is a warrior who fought with sword in both of her hands[dual wield]. Though her opponent is also a warrior who is fighting using sword, while warding the attacks with her sword, she keeps on evading her opponent's attack with paper-thin margin and continues attacking her opponent as if she's dancing in the arena. That flowing movements are as if she's dancing rather than fighting, it is as if she's manipulating her opponent to dance with her.

And then, the completely uninjured Haruel won her fight.

Haruel won and then she left the arena after showing a dance with her sword right after the fight. The cheers become even more amazing when she did that.

The coliseum fights are highly popular in Prowkai, strong fighters are dime a dozen.

After watching several matches, we, who were satisfied, left our

seats.

「It's good, right? As I thought, the ambience is different when looking it LIVE. I can feel the heat, you know」

「Goddess is truly a hot blooded one, huh. But, it certainly is impressive. The best of all, the number of spectators is terrifying.」

「Ah. That's quite the splendid number. How is it, you want to try it too?」

Though Risa Haruna's looking into my eyes, I know what she means.

「No, I'm just an ordinary person, something like that is impossible for me.」

「That isn't the case. Though I just saw it in the lobby a while ago, they're talking about how they're always recruiting a fighter unconditionally. It seems anyone can become one when they pass the aptitude test.」

「You're quite sharp, aren't you. Even so, it doesn't mean that I want to become a fighter」

「I see. That's regrettable. But, it seems I'm gonna try it for a while since it seems interesting.」

Risa Haruna's heading toward the place where the staff are walking on the lobby. She's quite a battle junkie huh... No, please wait.

I suddenly noticed it.

The fighters who were fighting a while ago were in that place, we just met a fighter a while ago but there might be no better convenience than this. But, if we're on the similar standing as a registered fighter, there might be a chance to meet them again, right?

Even if I had only met them today, they're definitely worthy of being a big shot, they maybe ahead of me at least in one field, and

there maybe someone who's even higher than that.

While it might be true that we're registering as a fighter, it doesn't mean that we're going to fight right away, rather it was more like a probing situation for the time being.

Yosh.

「Let us go too.」

「EH? Me too? 」

「Um」

Ruu too, I might be able to use her for information gathering.

We talk to the staff in the lobby following Risa Haruna.

# Chapter 75: [The Gladiators]

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On the other hand, at that moment.

「Geez, I can't move at all.」

Magic tool maker, Phillipe was grumbling inside the coach.

Phillipe is looking at the outside scenery while lamenting and then stretched his body as the sole passenger of the coach nowadays.

The coach is advancing alongside a vast river.

The highway, extending all the way from Prowkai, stretched alongside a big river which was flowing toward a fairly big city called City of Lake.

Phillipe recalled the matter about Prowkai.

In Prowkai, Phillipe checked the downtown inn to make sure whether Eiji was staying or not.

As a result, he knew that Eiji wasn't in Prowkai.

In short, Phillipe guessed that Eiji had already finished with his sightseeing in Prowkai, and maybe was already on the way toward the next city.

Retracing his step was a no, since he was sure that Eiji might be in the next city.

He jumped on the carriage in a hurry while thinking so.

「Really, what a hasty guy. But, I'll catch up to you now. Just wait for me, KUKUKUKU」

Phillipe retraced his face back inside the coach and then shut his eyes with a victorious smile floating on his face.

..... Phillipe's journey is still continuing.

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We called the staff and then were led toward a drawing room-like place. A seemingly big antique mirror is sparkling at the edge of the room without even a speck of dust on its surface.

After we sit on a bright red chair, a man who seems to be the person that will be doing the explanation enters the room.

He~.

That was really unexpected, huh.

The man wore a very formal dress. No, I don't mean to make fun of him, I imagined this place to be similar to the adventurer guild and the person will be a ruffian-like person for this kind of place. I imagine that he would be a boorish or rash person.

But, the staff who wore a high collared uniform was bowing to us with refined movements.

「I believe that the three of you want to become fighters？」

「Yes. Ah, No, we're yet to become one so we would like to hear regarding the conditions.」

「Yeah, that's only natural. We don't mind with that since it'll give you an understanding of the situation. Naturally, please don't hold back with your questions since we're happy to answer them.」

The staff starts speaking with his composed bass-like voice, it seems that after registering as a fighter, one can start participating from the very next day.

The battle rules of the arena are according to what we saw, when the barrier made by the magic tool vanishes, it ends up as a defeat. Though there's also team battle and not just one on one battle, there's also case withdraw field. There's no such case as prolonging battle by recovering.

Many matches are set to be random choices but, they also hold a league battle and tournament, It seems that it's the particularly heated one.

And even for the combat style, the use of tools is limited by the coliseum, a style called “limited” in which combatants fought with nothing but the provided items and, there was also a rule called “Unlimited, no holds barred” in which the combatant can bring their own items. This is the general classification of the combat style, the more popular one is of course the one called “unlimited”.

In exchange for the risk of losing one’s items, the reward seems to be also great.

Basically, the match card is decided by the coliseum from among the fighters who are available to fight. If one decides that he/she won’t fight on a particular day or time, then he won’t be able to.

Looking at the achievements, it seems to combine what seems to be exciting. If you have a wish or if you want to request something from the management of the coliseum, they also grant them thereby providing this kind of flexibility too. It seems that selection by random is the basis for the coliseum and the league.

「I see, so it’s like that. After I heard it in one go, I have already started to forget it, you know.」

「No, that’s just too fast, right.」

While retorting to Ruu, I was also somewhat doubtful. It sound like glossed talk but, on the contrary I might have missed something since he spoke too smoothly.

「Why are you using magic tools? Speaking of arena, I thought it’ll be direct combat.」

Was Risa haruna’s question.

The staff is nodding as if he was expecting that question.

「Yeah, though that’s also an often asked question, the reason is for entertainment.」

「Hou? Though I think the opposite. I thought that the people wanting to see bloodshed will come more to this kind of place.」

「Yes. That was how it was long time ago. But, with the dwindling number of fighters, the audience count also decreased. Then, when we were pondering what we should do, we noticed it. Despite the fact that there are many people in the world that would like to see a real combat, it didn't mean that they want to see a person injured. It was in the sport, the fight as a sport. Certainly, there'll be injuries even in sport but, inflicting injury is not the purpose of sport. The fighter can fight at ease and it's more popular with the audience too.」

「Fuhn. Even so, there are people who are dissatisfied by that, right? 」

「Yeah. Of course. But, that's minority. Rather, the impact was greater and more and more people were satisfied by it.」

「Ah, I see. It's because the fighters can go all out, right?」

The staff nodded to my words.

「Nice insight. The situation where one becomes dead just because a slight touch of blade wouldn't meet the audience's enthusiasm at all. So, the combat is carried out carefully so that it won't inflict injury. But, when both sides attack seriously to kill and are less worried about becoming weakened, they'll go all out with their attacks. The battle where one focuses on defense is liked by the experts of battle but, as expected, majority of the people love battle with aggressive offense and defense. Thanks to the guaranteed security, the combatants can do a showy battle.」

I see, that's exactly right to the point.

More reason to do that if there's that kind of danger.

Maybe that's just how great the magic tool that forms the barrier, Protection of Aegis. I heard that it is similar to the guild card, it seems to be a replica of a powerful treasure but, even then it is quite powerful by itself.

「Currently, we're about to hold a tournament you know? How

about it? The prize is also extravagant. The championship prize is a sword that can cut through space and time.]

「Space and time!?!」

We exchanged glances.

Does that mean that sword is similar to Ruu's axe——

「Fufu, it seems that somehow the fate of the Goddess will become mine.]

「No, I'm the Goddess.]

「Never let what you get out of your hand, right Eiji? By the way, I'm entering.」[Risaharuna]

「Me too」[Eiji]

「Then me too. Though well, I don't know what I should do」[Ruu]

Eventually, the three of us raise our hands.

Thereupon, the staff bowed respectfully to us and then handed a belt to each of us.

「This is the Protection of Aegis. Please touch this. That's the qualification test for the fighter.]

When Ruu and Risaharuna held the belt, the staff nodded with a surprised expression when he looked——at what I think as the volume of the barrier, similar to what was shown in the arena——shown in lithograph-like style.

And then, I also try to touch it.

「Ooh ! This-THIS IS ! 」

The staff raised his voice while lowering his voice as if feeling ashamed of me.

「It's nothing, my deepest apologies. I was truly surprised since I never saw a newcomer who could produce this level of output. Yourself and the two before you have plenty enough value to pass without any problem. It should be okay if it's that case.]

It seems that the volume of the barrier is decided by one's value of magical power or stamina, it seems that one can't fight since it would be dangerous if the volume of barrier doesn't exceed a certain point. That said, we passed the test without much problem, then we calmly head toward the area where the fighters are gathered.

「Let see what's inside, lounge, balcony, coffee room, dining room.... it seems they get amazing treatment, don't they. Can we take this place as our permanent residence? 」

Ruu stared intently and read the written explanation.

「Maybe you can say that the arena exists for fighters. That might be the reason they're gathering excellent fighters. Shall we try entering the coffee room?」

We, who were immediately trying to use the facility, saw the figure of Jackrosa Tetra in the middle of the room. It's the third time today.

「Ah, good day.」

「....You guys are, fighters.」

「Well, we became one just now. We saw your match, you know. You've some amazing skills, don't you.」

「Thank you.」

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Jackrosa didn't say any following words and just stared intently while slightly averting his gaze from us. It seems he's quite the taciturn type.

Well then, maybe I shouldn't try too hard to strike a conversation.

「Please take care of us if we meet in the arena. Say, just because we meet here, don't go easy on us.」

「Yes.」

「Well then, will you teach things related to this place. Ah, it's fine if you're in bad condition though.」

「It's nothing... I'm okay.」

Ruu made her rude entrance while completely disregarding my consideration of him. But, you see, maybe I want to hear the story of a fighter for a bit too since I want to hear about things like the ability faction, maybe I should take advantage of this moment.

Thus, we decided to have a chat while having a light meal with Jackrosa.

After we chatted with him for a while.

「That legendary Blood Licorice, you say?」

「He~, have you heard about it?」

That said, the spear user will easily take the bait when he's offered a topic about a spear. It seems that the topic was quite to his liking.

「Though it's name isn't well known.... It's famous amongst the spear users. I'm glad that there's someone who knows about it.」

「But, we're the ones who destroyed it you know.」

Risaharuna!?

It's not like you can easily state that fact immediately!?

Look, he's extremely dissatisfied by it.

「As expected, so it came to that, it was a demon lance after all.」

「Yeah. It's because it harmed people, you see. My apologies.」

「But, that's still alright. Since, it does have the capability according to its legend. Apart from that, I'm glad that I can hear about that from someone who practically saw that lance.」

Nonetheless, it seems that by one thing or another, it has become a bit easier to talk due to a common topic. Even if it's not the best topic.

We continued chatting for a while after that, or should I say, though I noticed that we heard Jackrosa's story for rather a long time, according to his story, it followed the story of that uncle from the weapon shop, beside him, it seems that the other fighters, Kean and Haruel, are quite famous themselves.

Moreover, according to him, Kean is an A ranked adventurer of the adventurer guild ! This is the first time I have heard about an A ranked adventurer. A ranked adventurers are people that can be counted by hand. This made me excited as I was already thrilled and have no choice but to latch parasite.

It is a place where my dreams will spread because there are also some strong men who do not play much in the arena.

Moreover, since the other splendid fighters also come to the coffee room and dining room, maybe I'll meet him when he's in this place.

I'm looking forward to parasitizing in this kind of place.

I'm getting excited, remembering the first time I went to the adventurer guild.

## Chapter 76: [New Power]

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After chatting for a while, I'm separated from Jackrosa while thinking that we might fight if we meet again.

In that case, we still have the composure at the time of submitting application, we won't register for the tournament if not the fact that the prize is a sword that can cut dimensions. I'll wait and see while gathering information as we basically can't think too recklessly like that. I won't do all of it, I'll at least do it step by step. I won't stop Risa Haruna and Ruu from doing it though.

Anyway, after we left the coliseum and returned to the inn, we start moving separately. (We were doing that till now though).

Anyway, while I'm strolling in the middle of city, I'm sightseeing the scenery along the road toward the adventurer guild.

The building with white wall is conspicuous in this city which is bigger than Laurel. The coliseum is also painted in white, so it might be the color of this city.

The entertainment factors like the musician who's receiving offering money for playing a violin-like instrument, or the puppet show that is advancing were receiving the attention outside the coliseum walls. I even caught sight of something like a theater in the city.

There was a school too. The academy is quite a wide one, it seems it's called Prowkai magic school. It seems the students that I see passing school gates have a wide range of age but, it might be a wholesome school having classes from elementary school till university.

I found the adventurer guild while experiencing what you call a change of scenery when you're moving places. My purpose is the same as before. Looking for more parasite targets.



Maybe because when the city changes the personnel's face also changes, I feel something to feel good about that.

Therefore, I opened the door of the adventurer guild that was not much different from Laurel.

「OOOH」

The sound of music suddenly enters my ears the moment I enter the guild along with the sight of the figure of Haruel dancing.

By using the space inside the guild, unlike when she fought in the coliseum, she's dancing a real dance right now.

You can say that the figure of Haruel, performing dancing steps in high spirit in tune to the clapping hands of the adventurers of the guild, is just like a young idol performing her concert. Since I've never been to a concert, I correlated it with the images that I saw on the TV.

A while after I started seeing her dance, the dance ended.

「Today is also amazing ri~ght ! 」

「We'll be rooting for you in the next battle too, Haruel-chan ! 」

While the adventurers are cheering for her, they gave their offering money into the hat placed on top of the table.

Haruel answers them with「Thank you everyone ! I'm gonna win the next battle too ! I'll show them the potential of an adventurer ! 」.

Ha~h, Haruel is quite popular huh.

She's popular in coliseum too but, she has amazingly avid fans in this place too. A fighter who fought with her dance, moreover, she possesses this seemingly never ending charm in her smile; her sweat running through her dark brown skin giving a healthy feeling, her revealing stomach on top of the trouser which she used as short skirt. Yup, she's good.

When the dance ended, and she's about to go back to her table.

And then, the people who were looking started to discuss about her dance. Rather than rehearsal, I should say it looks something like coherent training.

While thinking so, I also join them while trying to test my parasite on the other people. It seems that I can't find a new one right now, hu..... Eh?

When I'm thinking so, Haruel was holding on to the front table and tried to move it. When our eyes meet, she gives a sweet smile.

「You're the person who was in the coliseum, right? Let's talk for a while. 」

She already has sent her invitation.

「Fumu fumu, That is so. Well, whether I will be fighting is something that I don't know yet.」

「Well, that's the case, huh.」

Haruel and I have quite a deep talk for a while inside the adventurer guild. It seems that she happened to take a glance of my figure in the coffee room for coliseum fighters' use. Which is why she was trying to greet me as she happened to see me in the adventurer guild.

The Haruel in front of me is wearing a round cap with two curved blades hanging on her waist. It was the same weapon as the one she used in the coliseum.

「Just when I thought that the way you fought is like a dance, I was truly surprised when you were really dancing in this place, you know. Now, I also understand the reason why.」

「Like a dance huh. I'm happy when you say it, how was my dance? 」

「It's a beautiful sight for the sore eyes, moreover you're strong. It's killing two birds with one stone, isn't it? Or rather, you get two rabbit right? That was how I feel. Moreover, you're really

popular. The cheering for you is loud, you know.」

When I state my honest impression, Haruel smiles even brighter and then clasps my hand.

「Thank you ! I'm happy to receive your words. Moreover, I'll be even happier if you become my fan too ! 」

「You're a shrewd one, aren't you? But I do like it.」

「Hehehe, it seems you saw through me, haven't you~. Well then, we'll see again in a match, right ? 」

「Yeah, certainly. It seems that you can become powerful even by dancing.」

「I originally didn't dance in that way, you see. There is a dance which uses swords. When the scout from swordsmanship dojo danced that, and when I tried to do that, I found that it's interesting. It seems I'm quite talented in it as well and I eventually became quite strong. Well, that's the reason I'm in this coliseum, I'm thinking of pursuing my own style by participating in it.」

Haruel moves her hand as if she's dancing.

I can feel the discipline on her fingertips while they are not idling.

「Battle and dance is also a trial of strength, that's splendid. It's pleasant for everyone to see.」

「I can feel that you're making some progress but, I became a fan too huh. I feel that your fighting style is good too.」

Haruel clasps her hands again while saying “Thank you~”. Though I can feel her innocence, I won't be touched by this.

Hehehe.

....The heck, I'm distracted and making such disgusting a smile, brace yourselves, brace yourselves, Eiji.

After we talked about some silly things for a while, I left the guild.

Also, the subject of conversation of the other people of the guild when I came to hear is, first, I gained a more detailed information regarding the fighter called Kean.

Though I already heard the rumor which said that the number of A rank adventurers could be counted in one hand, it seems he was a magician type. Which means that he must have high proficiency via continuous use of magic. Though I can pull it off by stacking many skills and using power, it seems I am still unable to do that for unique skills. He's a parasite candidate to raise the level of magician to an even higher level.

Since there wasn't anyone as powerful as an A-ranked adventurer in Laurel, I'm feeling anxious despite not having met him yet.

I'm frequently going back and fro between the coliseum and guild to do investigation for the level of adventurers and fighters of this city. Because it was impossible to find the unique one all at once. Latched my parasite to the one who seemingly has a fast level up pace and now looking for ones with a rare class.

I was especially excited that all the powerful ones are gathering in the coliseum. It seems that Ruu and Risa haruna are spending their time in leisure, once in a while Ruu will just roll around in the bed while staying inside the room all day long but... Essentially, she has the same spirit as me [NEET]....

As expected, since there was nothing at the seat of god and was never able to leave.

And then, having spent my time in that way, my class skills experienced their third tremendous growth. I gained completely new powers, which made me itch to test it around this area——

「This place seems a good one.」

The riverside to the south of Prowkai is just the right place to try

out various things due to it's vast area. There are even big rocks and trees, there's basically no lack of targets for me to do something.

Moreover, with the small stream nearby, it was just the right location. I heard that it was a good place from the inn lady. Thank you, inn lady.

「Well then, I wonder where I should start from.」

I displayed my status.

【Name】Eiji Choukai

【Class】Parasite 48 Mercenary 21 Mage 25 Swordman 20  
Priest 28 Hunter 24 Shaman 26 Fighter 16 Miner 23 Thief  
24 Spirit User 25 Enchanter 25 Farmer 25 Paladin 20  
Berserker 17 Woodcutter 14 Dancer 9

【Stamina】312

【Attack】321

【Defense】290

【Magical Power】311

【Magic Attack】303

【Magic Defense】335

【Agility】279

【Skill】Axe Mastery Berserk Defense Penetration Plant  
Suicide Attack Axe Mastery Forest Adaptation Mountain  
Adaptation Silent Steps Exchange Steps Sword Dance  
Locked Stage Spirit Magic : Tree Spirit Magic Axe Abnormal  
Status Resistance Magical Charge Pentuple Parasite Shield  
Mastery Armor Mastery Regeneration Form and Nature  
Bestowal The Best Spear Blade Shield Magic Shield Magic  
Bullet Enhance Aim Enhance Power...

Good, all is well, raising your level sure feels good.

Since I could latch my parasite on Ruu, naturally there's good ol' Berserker class in my status, and its level raised splendidly.

The dancer class is from Haruel and there were several people with splendid classes so, the new classes increased and the existing ones also leveled up; as expected, I was right.....

The axe mastery which I have is from both Berserker and Woodcutter classes. Both axe masteries are showing their effects with a BOOM! Since it turned out that way, I can expect that I'll become even stronger when equipping an axe.

But the swordsman dies, so it's better to go with the one I'm used to, so I'll keep using the sword since the axe is wasted on me. Now, I can understand that the source of Ruu's raw power is due to this duplication of this skill.

Defense penetration is a berserker skill, a skill which works on a defensive opponent and can make my attack to ignore parts of their defense power. Berserker's power increases by sacrificing its defense power. As expected of berserker, a class which gives the feeling of being an extreme muscle head.

Dancer is speed type while woodcutter gives the feeling that it has something to do with the forest. It's charm is that it can use magic by manipulating the spirit of tree with spirit magic.

Though I got various kind of skills, the number is as many as usual. I don't mind of reconfirming all of it side-by-side forever on the display. Rather, aren't I already having more than 100? I don't feel like counting it though.

「When I think about... I have already walked too far. Well then, I shall do it then. Undine ! 」

Though I called a new spirit, I didn't use much spirit magic. It seems that it's extremely convenient since my position is close to the river.

The river water used for the skill is raising like a water fountain.  
Well then, now it's time to test this skill.

## Chapter 77: [The Water Strider Will slide on Water Even In a Different World?]

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The power of Undine, the water spirit is one of the powers that I can use with the【Spirit Magic】skill.

I change part of the water flowing in the river with Undine's power, make it rise, shape it into a chord and twist it, transform it into the shape of a ball and make it float, and I try to throw that water ball toward the stone at the dry side of the river.

It's quite cool.

Moreover.

This time I'm trying to put my strength not in the river, but on the air above it.

When I release my amassed magical power in one go, water flows like a waterfall from the space on top of the river and caused a wave on the surface of the river.

Like this, it not only involves manipulating water, it can create water too.

So, it is at a dimension where the power of Undine can be used in places without water too.

The skill I'll try next is 'Magical charge'.

This new composite skill which I learned is a power which will lower my magic defense and raise my magic attack.

It feels like a berserker's magic, huh.

I'm amassing fighting spirit to use the magical charge—— fire water poles !

The water balls make a wonderful smacking sound along with the flick of my hand, it bumped a rock and turned it into splinters.

「O~h, it gave enormous power, huh.」



Even the water ball got quite an increase in speed and power.

The process of transformation is simple too, cool, it seems this is a user-friendly skill.

I test various skills for a while.

Hana too... It's been a long time since the last time I summoned it. Though I occasionally raised its level, it seems there's not that much change to cause a new evolution. I don't think that unfashionable dasukin form is its last evolution but, lately, I think that it needs some kind of impetus. Can't I get a hint for a summoned beast from somewhere?

By the way, as soon as Hana knew that I was in a new place,『Let's beat the monsters of this place, master.』

And started monster hunting while saying that. It's as lively as usual huh.

Though I'm glad to the increase in the level of farmer, it's most regrettable demerit is the consumption of magical power.

「Well then, maybe I should do that once in a while too, huh.」

There are many things that I want to try like paladin, dancer and berserker.

「AH」

「AH」

Just when I was about to do that.

I suddenly saw a visitor appearing on the riverside.

「Hello.」

「Hello.」

We greet each other at the same time as we were bewildered at this unforeseen meeting.

Standing there was Jackrosa Tetra.

「I see, so you're doing a proper training in this place, huh.」

「Yeah... I can concentrate more on my training in places with less people, this place is also an open place.」

Jackrosa and I were chatting while looking at the river from the riverside.

Jackrosa is carrying a big shield and a long spear.

「Certainly. I can focus my mind in this kind of place too. It's a good place with refreshing view.」

「Uhn」

Jackrosa picks his spear while saying so.

It feels like he's in full motivation.

「Well then, we can continue our training. Respectively.」

Thus, we started our individual training sessions respectively.

Jackrosa repeated the kata of shield and [kata](#) of spear so many times, and displayed the combination moves of those two.

Like this, I'm also testing my skills while looking in admiration at him who's smoothly combining both offense and defense.

「How about doing it for a bit.」

And then, Jackrosa addressed me.

Though he doesn't have that much loud voice, for some reason, I can hear it clearly.

「Doing what?」

「A mock battle.」

「Well, bring it on.」

Jackrosa nodded lightly to my voice.

I've a tree stick gripped on my hand. Similarly, Jackrosa also has a wooden branch which he picked around the same area.

Since we can't have a match with our weapons no matter how you look at it, we're doing a light sparring session with this.

First is my preemptive attack.

Despite swinging my wooden stick in the distance between us, Jackrosa accurately defended against my strike with his 『Spear』.

And then it was followed by a counterattack toward me with a smooth movement, all the while he's defending.

I couldn't just shorten our distance against such smooth movements. When I'm trying to approach him again, the pole successfully landed on my flank.

It would be a dangerous situation if we'd a match with our weapons.

Opposing that, I'm trying to turn to receive that strike and use the new skill which I learned from the new class: dancer——【Exchange Steps】, which will increase my evasion by using light steps.

Jackrosa thrusts his wooden pole.

I avoid it with a side step.

Yup, it feels light. Moreover, even as he raised his wooden pole overhead, I dodge it with back steps. Certainly, this skill made my legs easier to move. What I saw with my eyes is that the tip of my toes were reacting automatically.

Having done that, my body's naturally following that movement. In short, the key is in my lower body.

「Well then, now is...」

It's my turn to follow that with a counterattack.

The bark of the wooden stick is broken with a snap.

I was about to launch an attack in the gap after his attack, but Jackrosa didn't have something like that. He was always prepared

for a counterattack.

A while after that, I interrupted our match by saying something.

「Ha~h, it's my loss huh. You're really strong, aren't you, Jackrosa. It might be impolite of me to surprise such famous fighters but, despite having enough combat experience, it was a complete loss for me.」

When I think about it, I realise don't have that much experience in personal combat, huh.

Thinking properly, the person who learned a way of combat does have a difference in terms of power with a monster, despite having similar basic specs. I gained some good knowledge.

I've found out that the solid way to battle is by always sticking to the core.

「That is so. Though you're probably still holding back.」

Jackrosa's slightly tilting his head.

I replied to that while leaning my wooden stick to a rock.

「Well, though there's that when you speaking of that. You didn't use magic. When you say a match, it won't give the feeling of real combat, right? 」

「Well.... certainly, you can also say that. I'll be grateful if we've a match of longer distance though...」

「Well, if my opponent is weak at long distance, I'll shoot magic to divide his focus. Well, I also have close combat means but, that's in the case that my opponent is poor at long distance.」

「Yeah. Well, it is certain that it made you feel the need to train in sword or spear.」

【Dancer9→10】

At that time, there's an announcement of level up.

It's raising splendidly since it's still a low-leveled job.

But, is Haruel fighting against a monster? It doesn't seem so.

That aside, the fighter is on a totally high-level but, could it be——

「Hey, it says that there are many strong fighters in the arena, then the ones who have high level class are a lot too, right?」

「I don't know everyone but, there are definitely many strong fighters.」

「By saying so, I wonder you are saying that after fighting against strong fighters.」

Jackrosa nodded in agreement.

As I thought—— I think even more so after hearing the story.

It seems that you also gain a handsome amount of experience even if it's a fight between humans.

I used to think that you'll gain experience only by beating monster until now but, it seems that's not the case.

Now when I heard about that fact, I never heard that you won't gain experience by fighting against humans. In the first place, I've even failed to notice it since I had fought the silver knight. It seems that's the case in the fight against human or else, it's for other humans except for me.

Even so, I don't think it is strange on thinking about it. The thing called raising the level of the class to gain power is done by harvesting energy stored in the body of the monster.

In short, you can also think in the opposite way that this also involves accumulating energy to some point inside the body of a human. And the amount of this energy maybe quite big, exchanging this energy can only be done by battle or robbing their life, or maybe after the energy condenses inside the human body. Or maybe not that too.

I am guessing this since Jackrosa also doesn't know the detailed

theory but, anyhow, experience is entering even from battle against fellow creatures, it seems the amount is as strong as the effort involved.

Well, when it comes to whether the efficiency is better compared to beating monster, it doesn't seem so. Since everyone will do so if it's that easy to raise your level just by a little training.

「I see, so it's like that. For that reason, a strong fighter becomes even stronger huh.」

「Uhn」

We've a chat while watching the river again.

「Come to think of it, why did Jackrosa become a fighter? I recall that you were a noble, doing things like this isn't that rare, I don't know more details though.」

「That's... for the sake of curing my personality.」

「For your personality?」

Jackrosa nods and looks down with an expressionless face as if hanging his head lightly.

「It's about going out in front of many people.」

「Ah, certainly it gives off such an image in a party or a salon. Even for that, you feel that it's unacceptable unless you can stand properly in front of the masses.」

「Yeah. But, I'm weak in that sort of things. Whether conducting myself, or speaking. I feel especially nervous when I think that I will become the center of attention of the public.」

Ah, yup, I understand your feeling.

You'll start speaking E~~~ or A~~~~ when you notice that you are being seen by many people.

「Thus, I thought of getting used to the notice of everyone in the arena for the sake of my training. I tried to get used to it bit by bit.

Since it's okay for me to not speak even when I become the center of attention here, I chose this place.」

Though it made me feel like receiving a curve ball, well, since that's his original interest, let's leave it at that.

「And then, I was able to get noticed.」

「Hee, it's a success then.」

「Even so, I still can't get used to speaking fluently in public. Thus, I decided to speak less, and before I know, I was dubbed as the “Silent Fighter“. Since I was called so, I decided to not speak too much in public to uphold my image.」

「.... Hahaha. So, it ended up becoming half-training.」

Jackrosa nodded in agreement.

They say things like “Cool and Refreshing Fighter” about him. If it's known that he has this kind of personality, the image which he built will be in jeopardy. It might be painful to retire as well. Popular people also have their own share of trouble.

「Well, I won't mind it since I'm just a traveller who happened to be passing by. Thinking so, you told me about this.」

「Though you're in the arena, you don't seem to be interested in it. That might be why I feel it's easier to talk with you. Maybe, that's how I feel.」

「Certainly not that kind of a strange guy.」

I toss a stone on the surface of river while laughing as if mocking myself.

The fish quickly made its escape when the stone created a ripple in its landing place.

「Saying that, I wonder if it's edible? Are they edible, Jackrosa?」

「That's an edible variant one but... are you going to catch it?」

「Since I took the pain of coming to river, I think I need to try this place's gourmet. Undine ! 」

Using spirit magic, I made the fish swimming in the surrounding water rise in the air. I scatter the water when it reached the river side, and then the fish flapped around with its lively movements.

Yosh. This is how you should use spirit of water.

「Let's do it this way. Oh, Jackrosa ? 」

「Me too. I'm itching to do it when I see you doing that, after a long time.」

Jackrosa aimed by using his lance like a harpoon.

After that, we made a fire in the wilderness.

[Standard movement in martial arts]



## Chapter 78: [Grilled Sweetfish]

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The fire is making cracking sounds, the moment the fat dangling from the skin of the fishes entered the fire is the moment when the red light became even brighter, accompanied by sizzling sounds.

「When I was a kid, I caught fish using a harpoon in this place. I like it more than drama and party.」

What Jackrosa is talking about, while checking the condition of roast fish, is his tale. It seems that he liked to act in the wild more than this world's gaudy nobles.

It seems that the nobles have good livelihood but, he couldn't bring himself to adapt to that kind of life. If I must say, that might be what you call as "high society life", that's an absolutely unreasonable life, right.

「How about you, Eiji?」

「I am not that good either. That place also has people like me. Since I'm an indoor type, I'm doing the opposite things instead. Maybe, it's about to be roasted perfectly? 」

「Yeah. It has already been 10 minutes.」

I decided to eat one since I've got the permission from Jackrosa.

He has full knowledge from what kind of fishes exist here to the way to eat the fish in this place, he taught me how to skillfully kindle the fire, pierce the stake and, remove the viscera.

Well, shall I eat then.

Ooh, I pick up the burned part. The outer skin is giving out a nice taste of roasted parts and is releasing a savory aroma.

Let's dig in.

「Ouch-ouch... So good ! 」

Why does it taste so good when we just roasted it after lightly

sprinkling salt on it?

The faint saltiness is enhancing the umami of the fish, and then, it's skin.

I really like the skin. This slightly burned skin is fragrant and crisp. You could even say that I am eating the fish just to taste the skin.

We quickly finish up while being satisfied with the fish.

There's nothing I can say when I can test new skills and eat delicious food. Let's get back after a bit of rest.

While I was thinking so.

I caught the figure of a man.

It's the figure of a man in his thirties, he's carrying a sword on his hips and walking straight to our place.

Since I noticed him earlier, I will stand up and then greet him.

「Yo. Are you people of Prowkai? Both of you.」

「I'm not, but I'm currently staying in Prowkai. Maybe I'll go after I am done with my business? 」

The man nodded lightly and then glanced at Jackrosa who stood up slightly later than me.

「I hear that the coliseum is famous place, so I felt like to go there for once. Though it seems that it's still too early, may I ask where's the closest gate to Coliseum? 」

「You'll be around it's vicinity if you keep advancing along this highway. You'll know when you enter the city since it is a grand building. If it's the case, you can enter from that entrance. You came on foot.」

「Walking on foot is not bad either. I've following the traces left by the coaches. It seems this place is quite amazing too.」

The man is looking at the river side.

I notice that his eyes are similar to mine when hunting for something.

「Are you going to train with the sword on your hip ? 」

「Yeah. It seems that I can concentrate in this place. You guys are also have this kind of goal too, aren't you ? Maybe it's better to use different places.」

The one who answered that question is Jackrosa.

「There's a considerable amount of people who use this place. In addition, there are a few places suitable for training in the vicinity of the city, too.」

「Hou. I heard a nice thing there. I won't know that unless I investigate it. Well then, I'll excuse myself too. Since investigation is important. Though there's a possibility that we might meet again, best regards for that time.」

The man left with a bold smile on his face.

Maybe he's interested in the coliseum too. That, or rather than being a spectator, he was a participant.

If that's the case, he may have been looking for form to fight.

We're done with our meal while thinking about those things and then returned to Prowkai.

The next day, Risa haruna, Ruu and I were in the waiting room of the arena. This is for the sake of going along with Ruu for doing a research.

「So, the matter that you said as research is ? 」

「The prize of special competition, there was that right? The one that guy say as 'A sword which tears through even the dimension'.」

「Ah, so it's about that.」

When we leave for the special battle which is being held today for

the fighters of the coliseum, we were told that the champion will receive a prize. We should confirm about that matter.

「Yeah, it's that, you know. That, I'll say from the conclusion, first, if we're speaking of how to know about that, I will go and then kidnap the sta——」

「No need to say from the conclusion, is it? 」

「Don't be so flustered, Eiji. That words is just a figure of speech.」

「That way of speaking is completely beyond the level of what you say 'figure of speech'. But, well, I'm fine with whichever your choice is. Whether it's from the process or from the conclusion.」

「Well, I'll start from the conclusion, but that sword is a counterfeit you know.」

「So that's why you said from conclusion fi..... EEEH!? A COUNTERFEIT!?!」

Ruu's shrugging her shoulder while saying "good grief" to me who was unintentionally making a clacking sound on my chair.

「Yeah. I caught the staff member and made him to show the prize to me, but I didn't feel the power of a treasure from it. Thereupon, when I asked whether this is the real thing, he said that it was just a sword that was sharp to the point of being able to cut time and space, it doesn't mean that it really possesses that kind of power.」

EH.

What's with that misleading name.

「I mean, a well-known person will understand from the very beginning that sword doesn't have that kind of power, it's famous amongst weapon maniacs after all. In that case, when it's explained to the one who's not fully clear about that, it'll be clarified with a laugh. It was extremely embarrassing for that useless surprise, you know. Even so, now we have already lost the reason, right?」

Ruu let out a sigh while placing her chin on her palm.

Certainly, there's no need to aim for it if it's just a normal sword.

Well, I thought that it's way too good to be a true story, you know. There's no way a thing around this area would have that unique effect.

「Geez, you've disturbed the coliseum, huh. But, well, are you okay with not entering? We've already registered but, we can leave as we have the rights. You're satisfied with only watching it then.」

「No. That isn't the case.」

But, Risa Haruna shakes her head in denial.

And then keeps going on while snapping her fingers.

「I'll enter you know. Since it's a special event.」

「Eh, seriously, Risa Haruna-san. Rather, I don't even know what is so special about it.」

「Don't think too much of that. Since I realized that my splendid body has become slightly dull from the previous battle, I think that I need to get back my intuition a bit. Moreover, it's been a long time since my blood boiled for battle.」

「O~h, Risaharuna is a hot-blooded person ! Let's do this then. It won't be interesting if none of the three who registered is participating. I'll be rooting for you.」

「Fufu, thank you, Ruu. Well then, let's register then. Maybe that item can become a part of the collection, we can sell it to get our hands on charitable activity funds.」

Risa Haruna left her seat while saying something that was hard to distinguish whether it's a truth or a lie. But, somehow, the things about entering remains true.

Such splendid action, isn't it.

By the way, Ruu and I have no mood for entering. I'll watch her

match and cheer for her. It seems Ruu also took a liking to that idea. At least for now.

And then, Risa Haruna is registering—— just like that, she passed the first match in the blink of an eye.

Truly a day of unexpected events.

She was recommended to have a normal battle apart from a special battle, so she decided to do that.

「Well, I'll go then.」

Risa Haruna goes toward the stage while leaving those words.

# Chapter 79: [School and Street Performance]

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Inside the coliseum.

Ruu and I were in the completely filled stand for spectators and viewing from the audience seat.

Risa Haruna and her opponent finally made their entrance.

「Crush'em— ! Risa Haruna— ! 」

Ruu's cheering loudly while flailing her arm high up.

While I say, "Do your best, Risa Haruna-san" in my heart, the long awaited match begin.

Risa Haruna and her stick user opponent exchanged looks and then the sound of gong reverberated loudly.

Risa Haruna's walking casually with carefree steps.

Her opponent on the other hand also slowly approaches her while raising his stick.

The warrior wielding a stick makes the first attack. It's long reach slowly comes to Risa Haruna.

Risa Haruna catches the stick with both of her hands which is coated with red crystal and then kicked her opponent right from the front while her skirt gently drifted.

The warrior is blown away with a still surprised face.

A cheer suddenly erupted in the arena.

That's a mixture between surprise and astonishment, yup, one will be surprised if they saw someone who wore "Villager A"-like skirt catching a strike with her bare hands and then executing a yakuza kick like that, right.

But, as expected, the stick warrior also won't let the match be

decided by one attack. After acknowledging the unexpected power of the rookie, he begins to attack more seriously and then the match turns into a seesaw game of offense and defense.

While both of them are taking each other's blows and launching attacks one after another, there's the intense feeling of exchanging blows right from the front, or it might be just in their nature.

Even Ruu become heated and started yelling「GOO— ! THERE ! AAH, SO CLOSE ! 」Or rather, Risa Haruna's way of battle is quite muscle-headed, huh. She's completely unable to using things like vampirish skills in battle, a style originating from the power of a monster. Even so, the impact of her battle is giving out a good feeling.

「Too soft——」

That voice, nothing more than a soft muttering amongst the loud cheering of the crowd, remained in my ears. When I unintentionally look at that direction, on that place is a face which I remembered.

「Ah, you're——」

「Yo, we meet again huh.」

It was the voice of the man who came to ask the way in the middle of my training with Jackrosa on the riverside.

Somehow, it was as he said, he came to the coliseum.

「First of all, let me say my gratitude. I could safely find several nice places in the vicinity of the city thanks to you and the guy who was with you.」

「You're welcome.... By the way, when you said “too soft”, did you mean the match ? 」

「Ah, so you heard that, huh.」

「Yes. But, I think that it's impressive with the completely head-on collision at such a high pace.」



When I say that, the man is smiling as if digesting my words.

「Yeah, yeah, I understand that. That's the recent fad right. But, try looking at them, there's not even one scratch on them. Is that a true battle? I couldn't even get excited with that kind of fight. It has the impact but, "will I do or get done?", a battle which is lacking that kind of tension is a shallow battle after all.」

The man is looking at the battle with a mixed expression of disappointment and faint smile. I see, well there's that kind of a view too.

The so called fight in the older days of the coliseum, even if the current method is popular now, I understand that there's always an expert who likes the tension of the possibility of being wounded in just one attack.

「There's this kind of people too, right. Even so, generally, isn't this way better and more impressive without splatter and too much bloody scenes?」

「Good grief. It's wretched this way. Is there no one here who's pursuing real combat? It made me want to teach them. There's a lot of strong guys and yet, they are being wasted on this kind of battle.」

He's a truly a violent man huh—— Ha~.

「YAAAA~Y ! YOU DID IT, Risa Haruna ! 」

At that time, Ruu's raising a cheer full of joy.

Risa Haruna landed a critical blow and the shield of her opponent has fallen below the minimal requirement value.

Gong signalling the end of the match reverberates again.

At the same time, the man also left without even a shred of interest.

While I'm thinking that there really are many kinds of people, I shift my attention to the victorious Risa Haruna.

「Not bad, Risa Haruna.」

「Thank you, Ruu. As expected, it feels good to move my body with every bit of my power under the sunlight.」

Risa Haruna's gulping her fresh drink while wiping her perspiration.

Oi, that line just now is betraying your identity as a vampire. It seems her power is more or less somewhat weakened during the days, and according to Risa Haruna, it seems that she's using strengthening skill in the night.

Though it seems familiar, she said that this way is better since it seems that the pathetically weak in the day is terrifyingly strong in the night. It's just matching her character. And she knew it.

「If it's like this, maybe you can arrive at a good point despite being a special battle.」

「That's right. But, it's plenty enough as long as I can fight a fair and square battle, it's good enough for me.」

「You're overflowing with way too much sportsmanship, you know.」

We head back toward our inn while bantering like that.

Well then, as I'm thinking about what should I do, I leave the inn. さ

Come to think of it, I've said coliseum and training but, I suddenly recalled that I simply haven't strolled around the city, much.

Though coliseum is the most famous attraction, I especially want to see the other places too, should I just stroll around this area today?

I enter a suitable restaurant after walking for a while.

The recommended menu of that place is a dish made with plenty of edible wild plant-like vegetables. I hear that it is a famous

product in this area.

In comparison to a certain [reeking-with-blood famous product](#), splendid food is healthy.

By the way, on trying the recommended set meal of edible wild plants, I found it delicious. It's exquisite bitterness is creating a good taste. Croquette of edible wild plants was quite a refreshing flavor.

When I'm about to finish my meal.

「Ah, Risa Haruna-san.」

「Oya, so you came too, Eiji-kun. It seems that somehow you entered a different place. You're going to stroll around the city after this, right?」

「You know ? 」

Risa Haruna nodded silently.

As I thought, it feels like we're having the same idea.

「Yeah. It's because you're also someone with a lot of free time like me, right. It's a rare thing, so shall we go together?」

「That's right. Please show me the good places, you've come here before, right ? 」

「But as expected, the townscape is different from 80 years ago.」

「So old ! 」

As expected of a vampire... So, we decided to visit several places, as expected it's already a completely different place.

「Hou, dolls moving with magical power huh.」

「In addition, they sell their craftsmanship too. It seems that both of them are loaded with magical power.」

There's a merchant who's selling his commodities while doing a demonstration by spreading a cloth on the street. The knee-height mechanical dolls are rotating their arms while tottering around

the cloth despite not being bind by threads.

Such complex movement is impossible for just a simple puppet, it seems it's moving with magical power. There's also one who's selling a lamp without fire or a ring which can produce fire on the same level.

After we walk a bit more from that, we found a big building with ivy on it's wall. When I'm trying to looking into the building which is not as conspicuous as the coliseum, Risa Haruna also stopped in her place and shifted her gaze toward the building.

「Hou, it is quite elegant huh. The thing of having creeping plants is a good thing, right. Though in reality, it'll become a place where insects are easily gushing forth.」

「You're really knowledgeable about these, aren't you? Could it be that you've tried it before?」

「Yeah. Naturally. By the way, I wonder what kind of building this is? 」

「No, I don't know either but, let's see what kind of building this is.」

「That's a school, you know.」

「He~, so it's a school hu~h... Eh, this voice is.」

When I turn my head toward the third person who suddenly said that, on that place was the figure of a smiling girl with a bob-cut and wearing trousers.

「Haruel-chan, what a coincidence.」

「Uhn, it's been a while... Not, right. I'm so happy that you remembered me you know~, Eiji-kun.」

Haruel's firmly grasping my hand.

WOOOW... SO SOFT. I'm so glad for being alive.

「So, the one who's with you is, Risa Haruna, is it? I saw you by

chance, we're fighters right.]

「Yeah. You're a famous fighter too. Best regards.」

「Yeah. Feel free to ask anything since I'm a bit of your senior ! I definitely will give you a satisfying answer ! 」

Haruel is doing a handshake while smiling widely with Risa Haruna. That's a healing smile huh, now I'm fired up. Should I practice my social skills too? I do not have that much experience in my social life.

「I'll ask then, that school, what kind of school is it ? 」

「It's magic school, you know. The place for rearing magicians. Since this place possesses splendid magicians with quite a bit of power, I heard that it has quite a bit of history and extremely hard to be admitted in.」

「Hee, is there puppet magic or magic tool in there?」

「Yup, moreover, it's quite famous as a souvenir or a toy. Many of them are doing street performances since there are many tourists in the coliseum, you know. See.」

On looking at the place Haruel pointed at, there was a gathering of humans who were surrounding a man hurling something that looked like chinese sesame seeds in the air.

It seems he's gathering a splendid amount of offering money, too.

「I can do it too if it's just a bit, hey, look at me.」

Haruel retrieved her knives and curved sword too and then casually repeatedly did catching then tossing into the air like a juggler.

「Hey, aren't those sharp items!? It's dangerous ! 」

Rather, aren't they normally doing that with swords and knives with dulled edges!? If they're using real blades, there won't even be an arm.

Haruel throws the sword even higher which caused me to feel resigned in my heart.

「It's really okay since I've got quite some pride in doing these kind of things. Moreover, my evasion skill is also my pride, you know.」

Before I know, the galleries are filled with many people.

Haruel's throwing it high into the skies and then catching it while doing a back flip.

A sonorous clapping sound comes from the gallery and then she's bowing her head after sheathing her swords, she left while taking us along and said,「Thanks for seeing ! BYE BYE AND SEE YOU AGAIN ! 」to the gallery.

A while later, Haruel separated her hand from me.

Her face was flushed slightly while taking a long breath and placed her other hand on her chest.

「A~h, I was so nervous. The truth is, it's been a while since I did that and I was filled with thoughts of whether I'll drop it or not.」

「Yeah... We were feeling the same you know, though you did it perfectly.」

Haruel thumps her hand on her chest while smiling awkwardly.

「That's right, when thinking about how happy you'll be if I successfully retrieve it, say, I did it right. Or rather, it's because I am just happy when I think of the smiles of everyone who see me, so I just do it without thinking about the consequences.」

「I see, I'll keep it in my mind.」

Risa Haruna's nodding... As if, please don't say “I'll keep that in my mind”, you better think about the consequences a bit.

....But, well, it certainly was a nice show, this might be the reason for someone like her to have that much of fans whether in the adventurer guild or the arena. Rather, basically there are many

people who are with such kind of smile.

「Thank you, Risa Haruna-san. Let's have a good match if we ever meet in a battle after this.」

「aa~」

「Eiji-kun too, let's fight with every bit of our power ! 」

「No, I won't enter the fight though.」

「E~h, so that's it. And here I thought that since you registered at such timing, you'll definitely participate in the special matches. I see~, then, you'll be cheering for me, ri~ght?」

Haruel clasps my hands and shakes it vigorously.

And then turns back after releasing my hands.

「Well then, see you later ! I'm looking forward to the coliseum, you kno~w~」

Haruel left after saying that vigorously.

「I wonder how it'll become if both of you really fought against each other, Risa Haruna-san?」

「That's hard to judge. She's a skilled opponent and regardless of the result of the match, I might be able to do a satisfied battle. It seems that she's a fun person, too.」

Risa Haruna's smiling lightly.

Thus, Risa Haruna and I resume our stroll; after strolling around the city, the day already turned into night by the time we go back to the inn.

[TL : Refers to the coliseum [which reeks of blood] ]

# Chapter 80: [On The Verge of a Major Upheaval]

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「Eiji ! Come here quickly ! 」

「I know, I know, no need to pull my hand, Ruu.」

I withdraw my arm from Ruu's hand and then rush toward the coliseum.

Few days after we came to Prowkai, the time for league matches finally arrived. In the end, the sword that cut the space-time was nothing more than an extremely sharp sword to the point that it'll cut space-time, but, since Risa Haruna was simply too motivated with the coliseum, she decided to participate in the special league match.

So we came to see her match to cheer for her.

I'm naturally not participating in it.

With the goal to become strong, participating in this kind of battle is a bit standing out.

It seems Ruu also doesn't feel like doing it, but her cheering spirit is flawless.

She's in extremely high spirits since this morning.

「Who do you think will become the overall champion ? Eiji」

「Uh~n, there are a lot of strong people, you see. I'm cheering for Risa Haruna, but Jackrosa Tetra is quite powerful himself, isn't he?」

「Hohou, quite sharp eyes you got there, Eiji. It's Kean for me.」

「Kean. I've heard about him. He's quite strong, right.」

Ruu nodded a few times.

I know that Ruu came to the coliseum few times and I think that



it seems she saw him during those times.

「The other promising one is the magic swordsman——」

Ruu's explaining more to me with a triumphant expression.

It seems she already became an expert before I noticed it. She's the type that likes to watch sports rather than do it, huh.

Meanwhile, the first match has began.

Haruel appeared right away in the first card. Haruel's waving her hand to her fans; she's giving a full fanservice today too, huh.

And then, in the middle of it, I noticed... it's as if her eyes met with mine.

And then, her nice smile stopped for a moment.

「Ruu, Haruel smiled at us just now」

「What are you being happy for, Eiji? That's obviously just your misunderstanding. Because she is just smiling at everyone.」

「But, I don't think so, you see~, I feel that she is obviously looking toward me」

「Ha~. What a typical misunderstanding~, you better wisen up yourself a bit, Eiji」

Ruu's sighing deeply as if being amazed by my action.

Gugugu... But, it certainly feels like the reaction of an obviously misunderstood fan.... For me to end up like that, Haruel is such a terrifying girl!

The first match ended up right away when I am still shivering in fear.

It's Haruel victory. As expected, Haruel is strong.

Though Risa Haruna who came out several matches later also easily won her match. She's receiving quite an amount of cheer; it seems she's quite popular herself, huh.

「Woow, that newcomer is quite the good one, right. Despite being a beauty, the difference coming from her power during battle is out of this world」

「I think the fact that she's fully composed during the match is superb」

The reaction of the audience is also the best.

Maybe you can say that it's due to her charisma.

Anyhow, it seems that the first day of the special league is on its proper track. Risa Haruna also won her match with a landslide victory.

Kean too will surely win his match tomorrow.

When it comes to Kean, he's one of the few amongst the A-rank adventurer cum fighter. I'm also paying attention to him.

And then, we head toward the staff room from the audience seat to greet Risaharuna.

It might be difficult though. This place is strangely busy.

There are a lot of people who are running around noisily, or shouting something; there are also people sitting in the corridor.

「What happened, Eiji? Did something happen? 」

「Who knows, I don't know, but the situation is a bit unusual.」

When I listen carefully to the angry voice.

Though it's hard to differentiate it since the place is really noisy, but I could understand a bit about the situation.

「KEAN WON'T BE ABLE TO ENTER THE MATCH!? OIOI, SERIOUSLY ! HIS DRAW SHOULD BE TOMORROW ! 」

Kean can't participate tomorrow.....?

What's the reason, I wonder.

Ruu and I stop our gait at the same time without any agreement

beforehand, but we continue to listen attentively at the same time.

「What just... happened? Attacked? Oioi that's a joke right, something like a guy attacking and even managing to injuring Kean is—— EH, it's not a joke. Swordsman you say? Then, how about Kean's condition! Still unconscious? OI, HOW COULD THAT HAPPEN! Even if you're shouting like that at me, how could I know something like that! 」

Ruu and I exchange glances.

The big shot amongst the fighters in the arena gets attacked by a mysterious person and received a heavy wound. In short, there's an even stronger person hiding in this city.

That sound dangerous.

「We better tell Risa Haruna about this, right」

「Yeah, let's go quickly」

Ruu and I walk quickly toward Risa Haruna place.

Risa Haruna already knows about that information.

Haruel knows about that too, though it's unknown how. When we separated that day, we decided to put our guards up.

And then, second day of the league.

As expected, Kean is absent from his match, but the contest advanced smoothly except for his absence.

There's truly no trouble in this day, and the tournament advanced smoothly.

Though an atmosphere of unrest is spreading due to the event that happened in the first day, the surprising thing is that the tournament advanced smoothly after that.

And then, the preliminary league ended, the final tournament began.

There are 16 contestant left. The trio of Risa Haruna, Jackrosa

and, Haruel also remained.

Isn't this basically Risa Haruna winning the overall victory[championship] ?

That kind of thought came for a moment.

And then, on the day of the final tournament.

The first match is a battle between Jackrosa Vs Haruel.

There's a heated discussion about who will come out victorious; the people are buying souvenir or food to eat in the plaza in front of the coliseum, and we also arrive at the plaza.

And then, when it's almost the time and we merrily entered to the coliseum via the authorized personnel entrance, it happened.

A scream spread out aloud.

When I look at the direction of the voice that destroyed the atmosphere—— My eyes opened wide in astonishment as I run toward that place.

「Jackrosa ! 」

Jackrosa was propping himself with his spear while dragging his bloodied limbs to enter the coliseum.

## Chapter 81: [Looking For The [Tsuigiri](#)]

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The staff members of the coliseum appear in panic and carry Jackrosa to the sickbay. We also follow them.

「Are you okay, Jackrosa?」

「Yeah, Eiji. I'm not dead. It hurts like hell, though」

Jackrosa replies with his usual tone.

Certainly, it seems his life isn't in danger. But, his legs are in quite the pain and won't be cured right away.

It seems that it's impossible for him to fight in the arena for a while.

Jackrosa's saying this while looking at us.

「Be careful, since it seems that someone is targeting us」

「Who? Who's that person? 」

「I don't know. I failed to see his face. I don't know about his voice either since it was low and echoing. But, I can feel that... the culprit is a man」

He hid his identity and aimed at Jackrosa.

What the hell is he aiming for....

The other people are also asking for the information about that person while Jackrosa received his medical treatment.

According to what he said, that man attacked so suddenly using a sword. Though Jackrosa naturally fought back, it seems that Jackrosa received serious wounds as he was unable to use defensive skills.

The man then left a worthy note, "As expected, this city is still good". And then, he left after saying that.

After hearing his story up to that point, we left the medical yard since he was going to receive full-medical treatment.

We were discussing about what we heard just now in front of the sickbay while sometimes hearing sounds like 「Uhn..... 」 or 「It'll stink but plea-se endure it」 from inside the sick bay.

「Why did something like this happen? Jackrosa's quite done in by him, you know」

「Yup, there's a dangerous guy outside, right. Even when seeing from our point of view, he's definitely one of the four heavenly kings of the arena」

Ruu's truly a well-informed person, huh.

She became completely addicted to the coliseum.

「When you say so, could it be that it's the same guy who ambushed Kean? 」

「Well, it's not like there's no possibility for that. In the first place, there are not that many people who can make strong people of the arena to suffer like that. And, it's really troublesome to have two such persons take turns attacking this kind of figure without minding the crowd」

「Certainly. If that's the case... As expected, he has some sort of aim. Judging from Jackrosa's words, it seems that he's done with this if it's not worthy. Could it be that he's aiming at the fighters of the arena and purposely aiming for strong fighters? 」

What a strange guy.

It seems that his goal isn't something like money. The other party isn't someone who's eager for it. I can't fee-..... Ah.

I turn toward Risa Haruna's direction.

Risa Haruna also nods at me having understood my intention.

「I might be in danger too. Maybe it'll be quite interesting if he came at me」

「No, it's not something that you should feel glad, you know」

「It's okay, I'm an immortal, you know」

「Immortal, you say ? 」

「Hey, it just means that you don't have a lifespan, you'll die if stabbed」

This is also no good, huh.

「Well, jokes apart, this situation is quite bad, you see. So, what should we do?」

「Isn't that simple, Eiji? It's okay as long as the culprit is captured by us, you know ! 」

Ruu's waving her forefinger with “chichi”.

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That's unexpected coming from you, huh ?

There are many people spanning a wide range of age from child to adult in front of the gate of magician school. Rather than school, this place that looks like middle school or high school seems similar to a coaching school.

Ruu and I are looking at that crowd of people.

「Is this place really okay, Eiji?」

「When it comes to magicians, they're reputed as the ones who have variety of information in their hands」

「Really ? 」

「Well, it's not like we've some sort of place as a hint」

Ruu and I decided to gathering information about the identity of the attacker that is shrouded with mystery. We're troubled since danger is approaching Risa Haruna, and our other acquaintances too.

Moreover, though I don't want to brag about it, the current me also fairly strong. I won't give him something of a trigger for a surprise attack.

In that case, it's better to attack the enemy with number after knowing his identity beforehand.

Thus, we start doing that with just Ruu and me. Risa Haruna's absent since she's tuning herself for the next match.

Wouldn't it be overkill if she really goes all out?

「Hey hey, that dangerous looking guy who wore mask over there?」

「EH? Mask? Rather, it's you?」

Ruu immediately called to one of the students.

Sure enough, though we made the other party bewildered, we somehow managed to pass it after giving suitable explanation. Now let's split and start collecting information.

Uhm... Let's try that person.

I call the man who's in his prime.

I felt that he might have more information since he has a teacher-like atmosphere.

「Excuse me, can I have a bit of your time? There's something I want to ask you」

「What is it? If you have a question about the teachers of this Prowkai magic academy, let me hear it」

The man nods while stroking his short moustache.

Maybe I am just lucky for somehow not asking about the current event.

He also knows about the recent event; our conversation advances smoothly——

「It's okay, our magic school is flawless. This place does store old magic tools, and there are also precious magic tools – many of them at that. Those are used for training and studies, and then various kinds are for repelling intruders」



The man starts talking as if feeling proud of it.

This is amazing. As soon as the topic of the conversation moved toward magic tools, the conversation continues to go on.

「Moreover, we of the teacher camp are first class magicians. Though it certainly is noticeable in the arena, if I must say, those are child's play. In the first place, the place which possesses the greatest power is not the arena but this school」

「Ha~h」

「So, there's no need to have any sort of worry about whatever that evil perpetrator is doing. The students, teachers and, teaching materials, everything is completely safe. You can focus on your study, you know. If you've interest in it, how about experiencing the life of a student? We, the Prowkai magic academy is always welcoming toward the fresh egg of a magician. Since there'll be one soon, please come anytime. Ah, these are the guidelines. Here you go」

「Ye, yes. Thank you very much」

I separate from that man after receiving leaflet-like things.

Though I noticed that it's just something like canvassing for the school... No matter which world it is, they seem to be desperate to get new students, huh. Maybe this world is also experiencing declining birthrate.

「AS IF, IT'S NOT THIS RIGHT! IT'S INFORMATION GATHERING, INFORMATION GATHERING. Let's try to ask another person——」

I'm starting my information gathering again.

「Say, the magic academy is actually useless, right」

「Well, it's along that way. Look, the leaflet is rising along the wind」

「Oi, Stop doing that」

Ruu and I were complaining in front of the adventurer guild.

Yup, we couldn't get any kind of information.

My plans easily fail, and now we came to the guild due to Ruu's insistence.

「Fufufu, this place will surely have real information, you know. Take a look, Eiji. EXCUSE ME ! 」

BANG ! [SFX DOOR BANGED OPEN]

When we open the door of the adventurer guild, the adventurers inside the building look at me and Ruu.

「We are gathering information regarding the culprit who performs tsujigiri against the fighters ! IT'S US ! IF THERE'S ANYONE WHO KNOWS ABOUT IT, PLEASE TELL US ! 」

BAANG! Ruu is easily gathering information with those so called sound effects mentioned above. This kind of method is absolutely impossible for me; I can do nothing but ask one by one. This is the characteristic of a winner, huh.

After Ruu says so, the eyes of the adventurers look at us with sharp gazes. They slowly approach us.

Moreover their expressions are grim, and we are being surrounded.

E-Eh, what's with this dangerous atmosphere ?

「U-Uhm everyone, if we're being a hindrance to your business, we'll be back aga—— ! 」

Before I could finish my words, the adventurers in the adventurer guild are rushing at us like an avalanche. And then——

「YOU GUYS ARE FIGHTERS OF THE ARENA LIKE HARUEL-CHAN TOO, RIGHT ! IS HARUEL-CHAN OKAY? ! 」

「PLEASE PROTECT HARUEL-CHAN FROM THAT DANGEROUS TSUJIGIRI GUY ! 」

「U~H, WE'RE WORRYING ABOUT HARUEL-CHAN ! WHAT IF THE HAND OF THE DEVIL ATTACKS AT SUCH A TIME ! 」

The adventurer who surround Ruu and me in a circle are pushing out their faces toward us while saying those words in turn.

Ruu and I exchange glances and then say at the same time, 「These guys are no good, huh」

Someone who kills passerbys to test his/her new sword

# Chapter 82: [Semifinal]

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## Part 1

Since Haruel's fan club in the adventurer guild weren't any help with just their wish, Ruu and I resume our information gathering using our own feet.

The place we're heading now is... AH.

「If it's according to the rumors, we should just do that. Haruel ! 」

「Waa, Eiji-kun ! What's the matter, are you unable to hold yourself back from seeing my face?」

「As if~, it's definitely nothing like that.」

And then, Ruu started snickering on my side.

Haruel then tilted her head with a curious face.

「Well, it's nothing important though. The truth is that we were looking at the habits of the tsujigiri guy. Therefore——」

So I told her about the result of our investigation until now(the so-called result isn't a result though).

Haruel nods deeply and then places both of her hands on my shoulder.

「It's a hard to believe that you came to the same conclusion as me. Who do you think I am. There are a lot of fighters and my fans too. I've no need to be protected from this kind of person. I'll always be the lively me. LET'S WORK HARD TOGETHER ! 」

Ruu and I grab the hand that was presented by Haruel.

Thus, the three of us decided to form a united front against the common enemy.

「I see, understood. Both the school and adventurer guild are hopeless, right. If that is the case, the dependable side is already

decided.」

Haruel is walking toward somewhere while bringing Ruu and me along. When we ask her, she happily gives particular type of riddle with:「Fufufu, where do you think we're going now? 」.

Though Ruu's giving this or that answer, it gets shot down with “buubuu” by Haruel as the wrong answer. I say, “You guys truly are carefree aren't you”, despite the possibility of the culprit aiming at Haruel.

「The correct answer is, THIS PLACE. Let's hear the story from them」

Haruel then stopped her feet followed by the two behind.

This place is one of the plazas in the city and Haruel was greeting the performers. She's greeting people like poets, singers, puppeteers, and traveling performers; her aim was to collect information.

And then, that aim was a bullseye.

The traveling troubadour was holding the exact information about the tsujigiri guy.

According to that information, it seems that recently a group of bandits was destroyed around this vicinity. According to them, the culprit was a swordsman.

That swordsman seemed interested to kill strong guys and then continued to challenge the head of the bandits when he heard that the head of the bandits was strong.

It was extremely bizzare to hear that he destroyed a band of bandits alone.

As I thought, it seems he really is a dangerous guy.

「But, we can't make a conclusion from that information yet.」

「Yeah. It's smell fishy but, maybe there's another line to him——  
Let's go to the place where Jackrosa got attacked.」

And then, we head toward the side of the river which I've visited several times for the sake of gaining final evidence. Jackrosa might have been training those days, so there might be something on this place.

We arrived at the river area and then split to search.

While thinking "Won't there be something under this", I lift a stone.

But, what I found is just a little crab who ran away in panic from under the shade; it seems I didn't find anything.

「Nil isn't it, Eiji-kun.」

Haruel came and called me. I nod at her.

「Right, as expected, it couldn't be found so easily. But well, even if we found the identity of the culprit, we have no knowledge of where he is now; in the end, it's all for naught.」

「That's the problem, you know. But, we can be more vigilant if we know his face beforehand; it's not all for naught. Even my fans maybe unable to protect me.」

「Rather, isn't it already hopeless if Haruel can't protect your own self? We can limit the number of suspects if we know what his aim is.」

「That point is completely fine; I'm training myself too, you see.」

Haruel's smiling happily.

But, I noticed that there's faint trace of anxiety in her eyes.

That's natural, even people who were as powerful as Kean and Jackrosa were beaten by the culprit, there's no guarantee that Haruel will be safe.

「Indeed. But, I'll also do my best to protect Haruel from that guy too. As one of your fans.」

Right after that, Haruel's staring at me with bewildered eyes and

then nodded with “uhn”.

「Thank you, Eiji-kun. Now you'll come and see me fight in the arena, right. If I see you, I feel that I can do my best with just that.」

「Yeah, since it'll be more heated from now on.」

It's finally the best 8, just the best moments.

And then, when there are only stronger persons left.

I need to pay careful attention, in both ways.

Moreover, while I continue searching and deciding so in my heart, I check my own skill. It's for the sake of meeting that dangerous guy.

The skill that will continuously raise one's own natural healing power, 【Regeneration】.

The skill to continuously raise one's own magic defense,【Magic Defense Up】.

Both were skills which I became able to use recently by learning it from the Paladin class. Most of Paladin's skills are just like this one; it's to simply raise endurance.

And then, another one is 【Locked Stage】.

When I try to use this skill, the surroundings suddenly become darker.

There's a dome shaped translucent wall of 10 metres radius with me as the center.

This is a composite skill of dancer and parasite. This was the first composite skill of parasite, but, it does exist huh. Since there were almost none in the past, I used to think parasite as an isolated class.

It seems the effect is something similar to making a room.

It's something similar to barrier which makes one unable to exit or enter; the good point about this skill is that it can strengthen the

invoked skill learnt by using parasite while inside this room.

It doesn't seem to be of any use, but it's good.

Well, I have learnt many things, so it'll be alright even if something happens, I guess.

I can't make sure that I'm not only careless but—— Just when I am thinking about it.

A monster suddenly attacks from inside the river.

It's a dark green fishman whose body is covered with fins and scale. It has sharp and pointed nails and is posing a hunched posture, seemingly charging up it's power.

「Something just appeared ! 」

「なんか出た ! 」

「A MONSTER!? AT THIS KIND OF PLACE!?!」

One of the three fishman shoots out jet-like water spray from its toes.

Though I barely dodged its attack at the last moment, it grazed on my clothes and left a faint hollow on the nearby rock.

Was it water cutter just now?

It is said that when water is put on high pressure, it can even become a bullet or a blade.

「But, if it's only that ! 」

At the same as it is coming at me, Haruel and Ruu also begin their charge. We slayed them in one strike while parrying their nails, and the corpse of three fishman slowly sink into the river.

「What was this monster just now?」

When I muttered, Haruel replied, 「That's a zombie sahagin. It's an aquatic type of undead monster; I know about it since I've fought it before, but this is the first time I see it appearing in this kind of place.」



「Hee, zombie sahagin, huh. Such a thing exists, huh.」

When I hear the details from Haruel, it seems that this monster rarely appears in this river, but it seems that's not the case.

There's that tsujigiri guy and now this monster, could it be that we came to Prowkai at such a brilliant timing?

How unlucky. You might call it lucky in a certain meaning.

There are so many weird guys out there.

——It was at that time. I suddenly recalled.

When one thinks about a strange guy, there was one in this area, that strange swordsman.

it seems he likes fighting and is really skilled at that or so but it is just too heartless to come to a conclusion with only that.

Even so, when we met again in the arena, I felt a dangerous vibe from him when he said something like, “A battle without blood flowing is just a child's play”.

....Nevertheless, it is nothing but my guess.

After all, there's a possibility of being a false charge if I'm fixated on him with only that much.

But, I should be extra careful when I meet him again. There's nothing lost by preparing for that.

## Part 4

After thinking that way, I tell Ruu and Haruel about that information for the time being, and then we go back to the city.

Nevertheless, we spent too much time and were unable to find the final clue; and the finals of the tournament has started.

Both Risaharuna and Haruel safely cleared their first match and entered the next match.

It seems that nothing unusual happened till the semifinal where

the champion could be seen.

Maybe it was my mistake for thinking too much that the tsujigiri guy will indiscriminately attack the fighters.

Maybe he already finished with his target and it was a fighter only by chance.

Anyway, I head toward the coliseum to cheer for the semi final while thinking about having such needless anxiety.

The people who were gathered in the plaza in front of the coliseum look like they have already forgotten about such things before the intensity of the battle.

It's such rare event after all, so it can't be helped that I, who was too worried about it, am also enjoying the mood.

While thinking so, I entered the coliseum with such fervent enthusiasm.

# Chapter 83: [Trespassing Sword]

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## Part 1

「Yay, you came to cheer for me, thank you.」

「Yes. Well, it's not like you can say that it's a new thing after coming this far though. Anyway, please do your best.」

「So to say, I came to guarantee that Risa Haruna is the winner, right. ....Come to think of it, why are you not leaving this tournament? 」

When Ruu and I came to greet Risa Haruna to cheer her on in her room, Risa Haruna's meeting us with a smile on her face.

The waiting room of the fighter is quite big to the point that they can do a light warm up and there's even food and beverage in there; it'll become a room that's comfortable to live and spend your time normally if there's a book in there.

Risa Haruna's quite relaxed, maybe because there are two matches today.

....Or not, it might be just her personality; this person isn't that different from before.

After bidding our farewell to Risa Haruna who's sitting on a comfortable chair, we leave the waiting room and go to see the first match.

And then, I recalled on the way to the arena, and I head toward Haruel's waiting room and Ruu's heading toward the arena ahead of me.

I hear her usual bright voice saying「Feel free to come i~n~~」when I knocked on her waiting room's door.

「Ah, Eiji-kun ! You came for me, huh」

「Since it's finally the semifinal, it's natural, right. Though I

think Haruel is already used to a tournament, I'm especially came to cheer for you」

Haruel comes with a “pitter-patter” steps, grabs my hands and then shakes her head while showing a bright smile on her face.

「That's not true, you know. I'm nervous, and I'm actually really glad that you came to see me. You're going to watch my fight too, right? 」

「Naturally. That's also a part of cheering for you.」

「Uhn ! I'm so happy to have received such words. I feel like my power will be multiplied by hundred fold when you watch my fight.」

Haruel's doing a gesture of showing her biceps.

So to say, she's that much delighted when I came to cheer for her.

At that time, I noticed something. There's something like salve, or should I say white powder, on her face.

When I point that out, Haruel sticks out her tongue with puffed up cheeks.

「There's no way I can do all night-skin treatment to my body, right. It's for the sake of my appearance.」

「I see, you're extremely careful with that.」

「Because, this is important ! There's no way I can let my fans to look at my ugly figure ! AH, nevertheless, maybe there's also a charm in a slightly failed make up... ? What do you think about such arrangements?」

「I think anything is fine.」

「So cruel ! 」

Haruel answers as such while moving away from me. Her reaction is as interesting as usual.

「Fufufu, it's a joke. Well then, please give your best.」

「Yeah. Thank you, Eiji-kun. I'm really glad that you came to cheer me. I'm a bit anxious due to the you-know-what event. Even so, I'm relieved you came to see me. You must watch my fight properly for sure.」

I could slightly understand when I saw the anxiety within her eyes.

As expected, no matter how cheerful she's trying to act, there's no way she doesn't feel scared. That's just natural.

Even so, it seems that she doesn't show it on the surface as there are people who're cheering on for her. I respect her professionalism, I should learn a bit from her.

「Understood. Well then ! 」

And then, I start heading toward the audience seat.

「Too Slo~~~~w ! Look there, it has already begun, heave ho, here, your meat skewer.」

In the audience seat, Ruu already secured the front row seat, while eating her food. There's fruit liquor in the cup beside her. This girl is already too used to this, isn't she.

「So good.」

「Right, I found this after much trial and error [tasting the snacks].」

It seems that after buying food numerous times, she somehow managed to find the cart which sold the most delicious one. You could even say that she's already a professional in this area too.

Is it really, really okay for the Goddess of battle to become like this? No, should I call her, Goddess of food?

As expected, the audience count is great, and the heat and commotion is great too.

While feeling that atmosphere, the loud sound of the gong resounded right at that point.

And then, it's followed by an explosion of cheers after a momentary silence.

Haruel was making her entrance.

She's waving her curved sword while smiling as usual.

If I'm not mistaken, her opponent is the robed magician. Well then, I wonder how this battle will turn out— EH ?

Her opponent made the entrance.

But, it's not the robed magician.

It was a masked man wearing a light dress and carrying a sword on his hip.

He was the same person with the one on Jackrosa's testimony.

Right after that, that man vigorously entered via the opened door, and a staff-like person seemingly entered.

「THIS GUY ! HE'S THE ONE WHO DID THOSE THINGS TO THE FIGHT——GUAAA ! 」

「Don't say things that will make this less interesting. From now on is the time for battle.」

He threw a sharp knife which lodged into the thigh of the staff.

The staff who entered together is trying to save his buddy in panic, while the snickering man is making his way toward Haruel.

「THIS GUY ! HE'S KILLED CONTENDER ALEX AND THEN SHOOK OFF THE STAFF ! NOW HE'S TRYING TO FIGHT CONTENDER HARUEL ! PLEASE RUN AWAY, CONTENDER HARUEL ! 」

The staff is shouting while being treated.

The voice of bewilderment can be heard from the front seat of audience; Haruel is also showing a perplexed expression.

It seems that she somehow managed to understand the flow of the story.

In other words, for the sake of fighting against Haruel who is said to be strong even in the arena, that guy forcibly placed himself on the opponent side.

What a dangerous guy.

You better run away since that guy is danger—— Contrary to what I thought, Haruel unsheathed her sword.

「Ho~, that's a nice determination, oneechan. You must be happy, right.」

「It's not like I never thought of fighting against you. No one will feel relieved as long as dangerous person like you isn't arrested. That's why, I'll do it. You're the one who ambushed Jackrosa-kun and Kean-san, right?」

「Ah, That's right. And then, you too will end up one amongst them. Now, I'm going to devour you.」

「I won't lose. Especially in this place.」

Haruel's looking around in circle toward the audience seat.

And then, she raised the volume of her voice to maximum.

「EVERYONE~ ! THIS GUYS IS THE BAD GUY WHO ATTACKED THE FIGHTER OF THE COLISEUM ! IT SEEMS THAT HE'S TRESPASSING INTO THE ARENA TO ATTACK ME TOO. BUT DON'T WORRY, I WON'T LOSE. I'LL AVENGE HIS VICTIMS AND REGAIN THE PEACE OF THE ARENA! THAT'S WHY, DON'T WORRY AND BE RELIEVED ! 」

Many kind of noises present in the coliseum transformed.

Into a cheering voice for Haruel, since that just how much bewildered they were currently.

Haruel, who showed a calm face to confirm that, makes a turn about expression as she heads toward the trespasser.

The trespasser is laughing as if sneering at her.

「Kuku, is that so. In that case, that's also alright with me. I'll show to these guys who are too used being immersed in lukewarm water what a true battle is. I'll show them a rain of crimson blood ! 」

The man is letting out a stifled laugh as if he couldn't wait anymore.

Haruel's also doing so.

And then, their weapons crossed against each other.

In the next moment.

「Uwaa, the decrease is too absurd ! 」

It happened immediately after Ruu's words.

Haruel's equipped barrier system, the amount which showed her endurance, the display which normally decided the match is shaved by almost 1/4 in one go.

In other words, it'll be a severe wound if it's a normal battle.

On the other hand, the man isn't even showing any change on him.

If it goes by someone who's doing a real combat, that will become the sign for a replacement.

But, if there's no change on him, it mean that he's nevertheless uninjured and basically didn't receive any kind of injury in the exchange of blows just now.

「It seems that everything that happened till now wasn't a fluke.」

My muttering is drowned in the cheering voice of the audience.

Be careful, Haruel.

「Kuku, it seems that you've the qualification to fight me.」

The assassin is laughing.



Haruel is correcting her two blade stance with a grim expression on her face.

「Aren't you getting full of yourself? If you're talking about qualification, you actually don't have the qualification to stand in this place, you know.」

「Hahaha, certainly, standing on the venue for this kind of sport might be not for me.」

「It seems you clearly understand that fact.」

「Humph, it's the truth after all. The opponent who I fought was definitely a strong one. The fighter of the coliseum is one of them. But, they're not even on my level. Do you think that's because of power? 」

The question-like sword attack is attacking Haruel. Haruel is using her magnificent steps and then parrying one attack after another with her sword.

「So you mean there's more to it ! 」

「Too many of them, naturally.」

In a moment, the man's decreased the space with Haruel in just a moment and then slashed with his sword.

The volume of the barrier decreased almost by half, and then it's color changed to red as it started letting out a warning alarm.

「How could a sword which possesses no resolution to spill another person's blood reach me? Since the very beginning, our awareness toward combat is already different. You never have any intention to stake your life in combat. You'll forget how to sharpen your fangs if you have never even experienced the thrill of a deadly battle.」

If it's normal combat, it'll be the sign for the end of battle, with Haruel's loss. Her barrier is weakened and it'll be dangerous for her if the battle keeps going on as it is.

But, the swordsman had no intention to stop the fight.  
He raised his sword high overhead. [TL : upper stance]

# Chapter 84: [Contender Eiji]

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## Part 1

The next attack definitely will tear the barrier and cut through Haruel's flesh.

There's no doubt that there'll be a rain of blood in the arena.

The audience on their seat fell into silence in that situation.

And then, the sword is swung downward—— Faster than that, an arrow of light is fired from the audience seat toward the hand of the swordsman.

「What ? 」

The swordsman reacts immediately to clear away the arrow with his sword.

Or should I say as expected, since it seems that this degree of attack can't even be considered as a surprise attack. If that was the case——

「What was that just now ! What's the meaning of this ! 」

I was rushing in toward the swordsman who's saying that words toward the audience seat.

I draw my sword immediately and then stand in front of Haruel as if protecting her.

「Eiji-kun!? Why? 」

「Because you're in danger. It's only that. 」

「In danger you say... Then, you'll be the next who's in danger, Eiji-kun ! 」

Haruel says that with a worried face.

The swordsman is also looking at me with a puzzled face, and I keep hearing the sound of bewilderment coming from the audience

seats.

「Who the hell is that guy?」

「Could it be that he couldn't watch what would happen to Haruel?」

「Quite a passionate fan, isn't he?」

They keep saying whatever they like.

And then, the swordsman talks with a cold tone.

「I've no interest in small fry. If you're just being reckless, get out of here right now.」

「Don't say such cruel words, you want an opponent right? Even I can't help but feel slightly interested. I won't be coming down as long as Haruel is safe.」

Haruel's feet becomes limp as she fell on her place with an uneasy expression.

I invoked all kind of skills such as boost and speed enhance while confirming her situation.

And then, I swung my sword with its tip to the side.

The rumbling sound in the arena gets silenced in a moment.

A straight line formed on the swordsman's mask.

And then, the mask falls on the ground after it was sliced in two.

I remember the face that's peeking out from behind that mask.

Yup, as I thought, it was the man who I met on the riverside and arena.

A thin cut forming on his cheeks after I sliced his mask, and then blood is starting to trickle down from it.

「If you really want to see a rain of blood, I'll show you as much as you want. With your blood, that is.」

The swordsman's touching his cheeks that just lost its mask and

is showing a slightly surprised expression after confirming that it's his own blood.

And then, he's licking the blood on his hand and sends a delighted gaze toward me.

「Kukuku, I never even considered that you'll be the first one who will hit me. A person who doesn't match his appearance, huh. Or it might be just your appearance? 」

Suddenly cheers is erupted from inside the arena.

BEAT HIM !

Who the hell is that guy !

He's a mysterious warrior, a mysterious warrior who trespassed into the arena to save Haruel-chan !

I'm sure that he has registered as a fighter—— But I've never even once seen his fight. Who is he?

Though I heard various voices, there's gigantic clumps of exclamation. The audience is wrapped in heated passion as if it's just on the verge of a big match.

The swordsman is sneering as he saw that situation.

「It's not just me, right. Who doesn't love it? There's plenty of people who love blood even for『Just looking at it』. Though it seems they have no guts for spilling it. What about you? 」

「Like hell. The one who'll be spilling blood is just you.」

On looking at me pretending to be tough, the swordsman is laughing quietly.

「You got some nerve there. Moreover, it's not just your courage, the swordsmanship from before too. I slightly belittled you. If the best fighter is even only at your level, it's nothing... Let's just enjoy this.」

The swordsman was setting a middle stance with his sword.

In that moment, I sensed as if the temperature around my body dropped.

This is... more than I expected.

I hear a voice as I'm rousing myself again in the midst of such pressure.

「This person is Isakuza.」

That was Haruel's voice which came from behind me.

The swordsman who heard Haruel's voice then said.

「Hou. So you knew me huh, fighter girl.」

「Naturally. I heard the story that you're a former A rank adventurer who disappeared once.」

「You saved me the effort of introducing myself, huh. Well, I'm gonna tell you my name since you're strong though. You would have become tired since you only fought against monsters in adventurer guild, right.」

「So you want to say that you want to kill humans.」

The swordsman Isakuza's nodding without a hint of hesitation.

What a dangerous guy.

But, an A rank adventurer huh... It is also befitting of his strength. Moreover, I've no doubt that this guy is best amongst the best of A rank adventurers.

「Haruel, is this guy quite a celebrity? 」

「Maybe amongst swordsman. The sensei of my swordsmanship dojo mentioned about him before as a famous swordsman. He said that Isakuza is the best swordsman in the world.」

「The best in the world? 」

I'm sending a fleeting gaze on the back while keeping my vigilance on the front.

Haurel nods to my question.

Seriously.

The best in the world you say.

「Fu~... I never wanted the best title; I just wanted to fight like this. Contrary to my expectation, it's something trivial compared to not being able to fight with someone who can give some feedback.」

Isakuza's saying that with a cynical tone as he glared at me.

As if to tell me to not disappoint him.

Fu~h.

Somehow it seems he is a really strong enemy.

I can't win unless I give it my all.

「I see. Then, here I come ! 」

Kicking the ground with a “tan”, I send the first attack just like the first time with my strengthened speed.

But, I couldn't hit him. Isakuza's swinging his sword as he sees the point of my sword with small action.

But, it doesn't mean that I'm not expecting that to come.

Since I already prepared the shield spell, I unleashed tha——  
EH !

The shield keeps being chipped while letting out sparks.

When I noticed that it'll be severed at this rate, I quickly twist my own body to evade it. It succeeded thanks to the barrier which reduced the speed of the sword.

Just like that, we create some distance between us.

I knew that my breath become rough.

This is a true battle.

This power isn't just a rumor.

I don't think that I can evade the speed of the tip of his sword. It's already that terrifying even when I somehow decreased its speed.

Moreover, he also really agi——LEHH!?

Now it was Isakuza's turn to attack while I'm analyzing it.

After he drew near with such terrifying speed and then measured the distance with a complex method, he released a slash.

「KUH ! 」

Though I tried to evade it, I failed to escape and it grazed on my own ribs.

The cut itself wasn't that deep but it hurts.

Moreover, he slashed twice.

Though it's not at the speed of mind blowing, it's still the first time I saw such speed, yup, to the point that I could hear the sound of him swinging his sword from behind.

Since I can't use my magic shield simultaneously while it's being sliced by him, I can't defend against that attack. Though I barely managed to stop it with my sword, it still bit into my shoulder and blew me with its momentum.

I canceled my magic shield and fired a magic arrow while being blown away.

But, he keeps avoiding every single one of the magic arrows.

He's way too fast.

As expected of a swordsman, his movements and sword are fast.

Just how much is his class level? I can't even imitate it with my parasite.

It's already too late to think about asking a handshake with him for a fair and square fight. This good idea's floating after the deed is done.



「I have no choice but to use the certain victory pattern, huh.」

I invoked my sorcery.

If my opponent is faster than me, I just have to make his speed similar to mine.

And fight him when it's achieved.

「Now ca——ME ! 」

He's still too fast though!?

He certainly became slower.

But, still not on the same speed as me, he's still faster. Moreover, he's better than I am, I can't read his movement at all.

His complex footwork is fascinating.

It seems he's not that strong in magic; despite the fact that he's fighting in a way where he won't suffer a fatal wound, it'll become too much for him if the fight gets prolonged.

My movements also gradually become dull having received his attack on my arms and feet.

It's way too hard for me since his movements are far more complex compared to the monster. I've a way to deal with it to a certain extent if it's just speed and power.

The moment where we mutually take a breath.

The best swordsman in the world and I exchange glances.

Well then, what will you do, Eiji?

He is too much of an opponent for a brute force approach.

Do something about this situation——

My head is working faster than the swing of my sword, and then.

「I see, I understand now.」

There's no way I can't break through this situation if I use all of what I have learnt.

I resolved myself in the next move.

# Chapter 85: [IN STAGE]

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## Part 1

「Good, that's a good one, Eiji. That tenacity to not end it immediately. But, will you come to attack a bit more? You couldn't even shed my blood except for the first one, isn't it? 」

The best swordsman in the world, Isakuza, is trying to agitate me in the momentary rest that was born during the midst of our battle.

His grin is so annoying as if he's looking down on me when I look at it.

「My bad then, it'll end right away you know.」

「Oioi, how about enduring it for a little more? Don't they say that a young man must have guts? 」

「I won't retort since it's a fact. But, I can beat you even without guts, Isakuza」

Isakuza squinting his eyes and then said「Hou? 」.

「You're definitely look confident despite being pushed back by me. If you've a secret skill, bring it out quickly before I start yawning from boredom」

He speaks in a completely carefree manner.

Well, I definitely understand why he can act that carefree seeing the flow of the match so far. まあ、

「Right, Eiji-kun. Do you—— really have the way to beat that guy?」

Haruel who's standing not far from me inquired.

I can hear the voice coming from the audience seat at the same time too.

Oioi, I'm still alright you know.

I won't even try to trespass unless I've enough confidence.

After all, one on one is too much even if the opponent is the top gladiator of the coliseum.

Uhn, I noticed the voice became even louder to the point that it was comparable to the beginning.

Well, I guess it can't be helped since it has already reached this point.

「Running away isn't a bad thing since your opponent is the man who's called as the strongest in the world.」

「It's okay, I already found a way to win this battle. Moreover——」

I say that to Haruel and then went forward.

I approach Isakuza while pointing my sword at him.

「You are really powerful, aren't you Isakuza. To be honest, you're the strongest of all opponent that I fought so far, whether it's monster or human—— But, I won't lose」

「Hou? And your basis? 」

「Since I'm not alone.」

「Ha~h? 」

Isakuza shows an obviously confused expression on hearing my words.

But, I keep going on.

「You don't understand what I mean, right? You might be the strongest as an individual but in the end, you're just alone. As for me, I have the power of many people which I have met so far ! 」

Fuu, it's decided.

.... I'm not lying.

At the same time as I say that.

「Ha~——」

Isakuza shows an expression of complete disappointment when he heard my words.

He then shakes his head while speaking in an irritated tone.

「Idealism huh, it's not a nice thing to say if you think you can do something with that. How foolish. Everyone has no need to train from dawn till dusk if they can win just by that feeling. How about I teach you just how much of that kind of guys who came to kill me while saying those flowery words.」

「Idealism? You're mistaken, mine is real. Skill 【Locked Stage】 !」

The surroundings instantly enveloped in darkness the next moment.

A 10 metre or so semi-transparent wall is enclosing me and Isakuza inside the arena of the coliseum. This is a composite skill of dancer and parasite – the effect is to make a room.

At the same time as the room is invoked, it's terrain is adjusted.

All abilities rise by 20%; moreover, the automatic recovery of stamina and magical power also receives a large correction.

This is one of the biggest merits in making the room.

With a light “kin” sound.

Isakuza was slashing at the wall with a dubious expression.

「I see, so you somehow make a barrier-like thing which prevent someone to enter or leave it huh. That's a strange skill you're using there, Eiji」

「Yeah. With this, I can fight you without any need to hold back」

「You did that so you won't cause any damage to your surrounding?」

「Na, It's to prevent you from escaping outside」

「What ? 」

Isakuza eyebrows twitched for a moment after hearing my words.

「Show your power, Ondine ! 」

At the same time, massive amount of water starts gushing out from my foot.

The spirit magic of water spirit connected to the lake somewhere else is rapidly increasing the volume of the water.

This is the limit huh.

The magic ceased when the water got collected until it was slightly above my ankle.

Though I just summoned water, its massive quantity is greatly exhausting.

The room which I made is currently submerged.

「You, don't tell me your aim is——」

That's right. I made this room for the sake of collecting this water. And then, the collected water is——

The slightly impatient Isakuza's rushing to attack.

Though I'm dodging his rush up while at the same time receiving his slash till this point—— Now I'll dodge his slash.

I changed the orbit of the sword that's aiming my chest diagonally from my shoulder with my sword, it draw a trails as if slipping through my armpit.

While at the same time, I shoot magic arrow as I take some distance from him.

It's a fast move but Isakuza evaded the magic arrows and then rushed at me again. This time, he's going for my neck.

But, I also barely avoid that by pulling back my upper body.

——Yosh, I avoided it !

My lips unintentionally loosened.

On the other hand, Isakuza's lips are crooked.

「This is how I'm avoiding your attack」

「What are you talking about when it is just one or two hits ! 」

I shoot magic bullets toward Isakuza.

Though Isakuza avoided that attack, his attack came one beat slower; moreover, I avoided that attack.

I'm healing my wound with 【Hand of Healing】 skill bit by bit during the gap of evading his attack.

And then, I continue firing magic arrow and water cutter of Ondine again.

It can't hit him, but it's necessary to blunt the attack of Isakuza; I keep using this hit and run tactic.

Just as planned.

「Chet, shameless action ! 」

Isakuza's clicking his tongue.

It seems he's getting irritated since he doesn't know what to do at the current situation.

And yet, even if I can attack from my side, he's taunting me with that. I know very well that his irritation keeps going up as his attack never reached me despite him attacking much more than defending from my attack.

「Getting irritated is a bad habit in battle, but it can't be helped since you're this strong. Rather, I'm surprised that I've to do this so far」

「Bark all you want—— ! 」

「It's not a joke. To be honest, I think you're the top in terms of power. That speed and technique is by all means not something that I simply can cope with. Even so, I've many powers. And if I use that——」

Reinforcement skill.

It's a sorcery-like weakening skill of the opponent.

It wasn't enough with just that.

For that reason, I used interference skill at the same time on me and my opponent.

And that is by amassing water on this ground.

I knew that I was going to fight.

The starting point of my opponent's speed and complicated footwork is his feet.

That exquisite footwork is the core of the sword skills.

That's why I can greatly diminish his power if I can weaken those parts.

The resistance of water isn't something that you can laugh off even though the volume of water just reached your ankle. I'm quite sure that my movement is also quite hindered.

This means that both sides are being weakened.

But, mobility by using his feet is the swordsman Isakuza's way of battle, and it's a great demerit against me who is battling by using various kind of skills.

It's obvious that Isakuza's way of battle is greatly hindered.

Moreover, it's good as long as my attack penetrates Isakuza's defense when he goes for attack. Nevertheless, the defensive side is in an advantageous situation in which they only need to defend against enemy attack while being cautious at his counter.

Even in sports, aiming for a counter by strengthening defense is a



popular method used to beat higher ranked opponents. It was the method of battle employed to close the gap between the ability of the fighters.

The result of this is, despite my legs and arms being torn without being able to do anything, I can perfectly seal his attacks until now.

Naturally, the power of everyone(which I got from Parasitism)is showing it's potential for the first time.

It's not a lie since it's not the power of one person.

Nevertheless, isn't he really amazing from the fact that I'm completely outmatched unless I apply these various tricks on him.

I've acquired various kind of skills and classes, but I still have a long way to go before I can master the power of the so called swordsman class to the point of truly using it like him.

「Kuh, power of everyone you say, don't spout such nonsense」

「It can't be helped, it's a fact after all. My strong point is to do various things. Even when I do this, it's still not easy to beat you.」

I'm staring intently at Isakuza.

Isakuza's provoking while he confirmed the movement of his dulled legs.

「And then, the next attack will beat you」

「——！」

「Skill【Magic Arrow Rain】!!!」

# Chapter 86: [Victory in His Hand]

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## Part 1

I converge my magical power and then fire a rain of magic arrow.

It rains down incessantly in the entire room creating ripples on the water, and then——

「KUH ! 」

「OUCH..... AH ! 」

The arrows rained down incessantly on both me and Isakuza.

It pierced both of our skins and gave damage to both of us.

Though I've been standing as straight as possible while protecting my neck and head, I can't escape unscathed from damage.

My opponent's also in the same situation as he has sustained several wounds too.

「You, what are you going to do—— ! 」

「I've said it before right, I know the way to beat you. This is my answer. With this, even you can't evade it, right.」

Magic Arrow Rain.

That is spreading around low powered magical arrows over a wide range.

And then, here we are, currently trapped in the room with a limited range.

In short, there's nowhere to escape.

Whether it's the opponent, or me.

「As expected, no matter how much you try to avoid it, even you won't be able to escape from the rain. I won't be able to hit you with my normal attacks. But, it definitely will hit if it's an attack

that will cover a vast area, even though I will be included in that too. NOW TAKE THIS SECOND VOLLEY ! 」

The rain of magical power pours down incessantly.

Light bursts forth from the semi-transparent ceiling of the room made with skills, and then pours down incessantly without any gap.

「Kuh ! Are you sane ! You're taking the damage too ! 」

「I'm naturally well aware of that. If I make the arrows to not fall on me, Isakuza will surely push me away from that place and then stay on that place. If I have to achieve what I said, I can do it in this way only.」

And then, I fire the magic arrow rain again.

Even if it's a low powered one, the damage will accumulate considerably when I fire it multiple times.

Isakuza and I are shedding blood at various places.

Yosh, I could show a rain of blood in accordance to my declaration. His own rain of blood.

「Oops ! It's not done yet ! 」

「Haaah ! 」

The wounded Isakuza is facing against me.

But, I calmly cope with him.

I've confirmed about the matter of penetrating his defense.

And then, the shower of arrows pour down incessantly even further during such slight gap.

「Kuh ! 」

「It's slowly becoming easier, you know. Since you couldn't even defend yourself against it when you were still fine, it's even more effective when you're injured.」

I made that declaration while bluffing as if it doesn't hurt at all.

Yup, it's the characteristic of a swordsman. Though they have excellent offensive ability and mobility, their stamina isn't that great. Evasion is their style of battle.

I, on the other hand, am balanced with many classes, my abilities are well balanced, my stamina is also fairly good.

In short, if it's under the assumption that I won't be able to avoid the attack, I'll just endure it. Even if we're receiving similar attacks.

Somehow, Isakuza has also noticed that fact.

That's why he was trying to beat me.

「No way, is this in accordance to your plan——Eiji ! 」

「Nope, it's just normal. I actually hate pain and just want to win easily. Thus, this is the best conclusion after thinking how to win easily. It was naturally coming to this if I couldn't do it with zero pain.」

And then, I keep shooting arrow rain skill even further while defending against my opponent's attacks.

And then, finally.

「GAH——」

Isakuza fell on his knees.

Water's splashing on his face.

While falling, his face was facing toward me and then he opened his mouth.

「Why, you can—— Do something like this ? 」

「—— Calculation. To put it simply, attack and stamina」

「.... Humph, you're, strong」

And then, Isakuza fainted.

At the same time, I also cancelled the skill which created that room.

The water is making a splashing sound as it spread on the ground of the coliseum; the one who came to me first was Haruel followed by the staffs.

And then, I saw Ruu leaping from the audience seat. It was a splendid light jump.

「Are you alright!? Eiji-kun ! 」

「Yeah, I'm okay you see. It ended up according to my calculations since my injury is lighter than him.」

「You shouldn't act recklessly like that, you know. Even how you win, it's completely like you're committing a kamikaze at——」

Haruel's sniffing with tears flowing down from her lacrimal glands.

When I see that, the feeling called 'thanks goodness that you're alright' made me feel slightly proud for doing those reckless actions.

And then, I ask the staff to detain and give treatment to Isakuza while I decided to go to the medical room to receive treatment myself.

「Eiji ! You did it ! 」

Ruu was shouting with an excited voice.

And then placing her hand on my shoulder who was walking unsteadily,「You really have some guts to win against that kind of strong and shitty guy like him; moreover, you plotted against him to make him tattered like that ! Now I see you in a better light ! 」

「Thank yo~u for your prai~se. Nevertheless, I don't want to use this kind of method again.」

「E~~H ! What a waste ! And yet, you became really passionate when you engaged in such bloody combat.」

「I don't want to do such atrocious kind of combat ! 」

When I glared at her hand as I brushed it away, Ruu's laughing with "ehehe".

「Ahaha, sorry it's a joke, you see. I'm relieved since you're this lively」

Ruu's smiling toward at me.

How should I say, I also feel safe when I see Ruu making that kind of face.

....I'm glad for being alive.

And then, when I am having a taste of victory at this late moment——

DON!

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The sound of a large gong resounded inside the coliseum.

「WINNER ! FIGHTER EIJI ! 」

The chairman of the competition declared it loudly with the magic tool that possesses the function of amplifying the sound.

At the same time, cheering voices, as if breaking the coliseum from inside, erupted from the audience.

It was overwhelming.

I can feel great excitement that was as if it was shaking the ground.

Ruu pushes her fist to my chest while I am still dumbfounded by the situation.

「Congratulations, it's a great victory」

「..... AH, thank you」

Thus, I leave the arena while basking under such cheers.

「I avenged you, Jackrosa」

「That kind of talk... It feels like I'm about to die, you know」

The one who's retorting is Jackrosa who watched the combat from indoors with the staff's permission.

With his amazing resilience, he already can move around despite having bandages all over his body.

「As I thought, you're extremely strong, right. I'm surprised, you know」

「No~pe, it's not the case. My opponent's ability was completely overwhelming mine. That's why I used various kinds of tactics along with a kamikaze attack」

「Uhn. I think the fact that you having come to that point... is the evidence that you're really strong. Since you can't win when you're weaker than your opponent unless you do so. Even I can follow your example」

Jackrosa nodded lightly as if he deciding on something.

Though I think that he will become much stronger if he can investigate his own power more thoroughly. Even so, it's better if you can do various things in case you're going to face against various situation all alone. Though the efficiency will become better if you form a party where each person will focus on only a single thing.

「Well, it's a good thing that you're being eager like that, but let's heal your wound first」

「Yeah. At that time... will you spar with me again? 」

「Of course. Since I've things to learn too」

Jackrosa was smiling lightly when he heard my words.

「As a fellow fighter, I'm glad that you avenged me」

「Risa Haruna was also looking from this place」

Risa Haruna was also in the same room.

She was standing by for her match, but it seems she came to this place when she heard the commotion.

「It seems you completely turned into a superstar, haven't you? Most of the audience were charmed by the battle. A mysterious intruder beat the opponent who was not defeated by the top fighters of the coliseum」

Risa Haruna laughed merrily on that, but it's not a joking matter, you know.

I didn't have any plans to fight in the first place, and I definitely don't want to attract attention in such manner.

「Oya, aren't you making quite the reluctant expression there」

「Eh, I'm not, you know. Aren't you aware of my personality? 」

「No~pe, I don't know. As a fighter myself, I'm envious of you who became a popular fighter」

Risa Haruna's laughing in a stiff manner.

This person absolutely understands me the best.

Well, apart from standing out, maybe I should feel relieved that I can see the competition proceeding smoothly after this.

I was surprised at the fact that there's a human who's far more dangerous than a monster though. The potential of a human being is far more amazing than what I thought.

Which means that it'll also increase the potential of the parasite.

「Next schedule is fighter Risa Haruna——」

The one who came was the staff of the coliseum.

That's right, there's still Risa Haruna's match.

At any rate, I should just cheer Risa Haruna for now.

Though an unexpected event just happened, the remaining matches were still held.



Haruel's match was treated as a match without any victor, so the other semifinal became the final.

As expected, since they can't perform the match as planned, they rescheduled it for a different day.

Haruel's opponent isn't in a condition to participate the match after getting done in by Isakuza.

Though there was Haruel who won her match without even fighting against her opponent, since there was an intruder in her match, Haruel declined her right to fight in the final even though she was completely unscathed.

And then, there came the discussion as to whether to let me fight, but as expected, it's impossible since no matter how you look at it, I have not even entered the preliminary match. Thus, they decided to make the other semifinal as the final.

Though the result is the general outline, unfortunately it's ended in Risa Haruna's defeat. As expected, her opponent was also someone who climbed through the semifinal.

We couldn't get the rumored sword, but we won't be troubled even if we don't acquire it as it's just a normal sword.

Since the reward was splendid, we were given a treat by Risa Haruna.

A while later, I was in the coliseum.

It seems that Jackrosa has already recovered from his wounds, so I came to see his fight after his rehabilitation.

The result is an undisputed victory. I'm glad that he has fully recovered.

..... When I thought so.

「Oi, that, isn't that guy him?」

「N? Ah, you're right, he's the intruder who saved Haruel-chan a while ago」

My surroundings become suspiciously noisy.

This is bad.... This is a bad idea.... I'm wearing muffler-like clothes and a deep hat, since I'm waiting for the event to settle down for sometime. Even so, this is.....

「You're absolutely right ! May I have a bit of your time ! I want to talk ! 」

「Please give me your autograph ! Ah, it's okay even if it's your private property ! 」

The disturbance instantly spread around; people start locking on my surroundings.

CRAP !

「My apologies, I am taking my leave since I have an urgent business right after this ! 」

I break through the encirclement via the gaps between the people while saying those words and just like that, I escape from the coliseum.

I shake off the people who somehow noticed my intention and then heaved a sigh at the back alley of the coliseum.

「Ha~, it seems I won't be able to peacefully watch matches for a while after this. Good grief, truly good grief」

I was walking in the alley toward the inn while thinking whether I can live an ordinary live by covering my entire face with a mask.

「Uhm ! I have a wish ! 」

I suddenly heard a voice which called upon me.

As I turned around, the one who's present in my field of vision is a boy who's wearing a berret-like hat while still having the trace of innocence on his visage, but his eyes are filled with determination.

「I have a request for fighter Eiji-san」

# Chapter 86C [Mining City, Neman]

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## Part 1

「Well then, Koko. I have decided to go to the mansion of the vamp—— Eh, where are you going?」

「I'm tired of oneechan's story」

「Is that so ? I've heard of that adventure story so many times」

「Since it's only oneechan. Except for one eccentric adventure geek, I'm more delighted if you show me a gem rather than those kind of stories」

One girl called Koko was throwing away a soft looking cushion inside a room which was decorated with luxurious furniture.

Her ultramarine colored hair tied in twin tails with strong willed eyes and impish mouth, she was casually searching for gems placed in one location of the room.

「See, even Alie-oneechan should be at the good age to be interested in this too, right?」

「Wawa. Stop throwing it away like that, it'll damage it, you know」

Alie Duo, a noble of Neman, is rebuking her little sister, Koko Duo, while catching the necklace, with red gem embedded on it, that's being thrown away .

But, Koko's laughing as if looking down on her and then sits on the side of her sister who sat on the sofa.

「It's fine isn't it, since those guys of the society won't notice about such things. Those guys, They'll receive that glass marble-like things as a gratitude」

「Very kind words, aren't they?」

「It's the truth. See, even for oneechan... Yup, it matches you very

well. See, you told me about Graef Treize before, right? That guy's also the type that will be easily tricked by the exterior and its name. He's been interested in oneechan and has invited you for a date so many times. He can't understand the true essence of a human」

「It seems my true essence is completely no good, right.」

「It should be right. Since you're something like a noble girl who's always adventuring despite already being at the good age. Koko's obviously being charmed by it. And yet Graef is ignoring Koko and is only devoted to oneechan, are you interested in someone else?」

Koko's breathing roughened with excitement as she folded her arms.

Alie drank a mouthful of tea, placed the cup on the table and asked Koko.

「Was Graef-sama to your liking? 」

「Waa. As if I'll fall for such arrogant and great king」

「If that was the case, it should be okay. Rather, I'm also annoyed by him」

Waving her fingers with chichichi, Koko also drinks her tea, filled with plenty of sugar by herself.

「Even if I dislike him, I'm still angry at the guy who's ignoring me. I should reject him after he's aware of Koko's charm」

「Ha~」

Alie said those words with a “good grief” expression and drinks her tea again. Koko was looking at her face.

「That guy is truly the example of a foolish noble-sama, isn't he. Well, his head might cool down a little inside the jail, and oneechan shouldn't get yourself involved in such trouble. Aren't you glad, oneechan?」

「Yeah. Thank you, Koko」

Koko was smiling from ear to ear.

Here in Rain kingdom, nobility is basically a title to show their honor. According to the law, the so called nobility has no privilege in their status.

But in reality, it was something indispensable for nobles for the sake of participating in the center of the government. In short, that was just how much trust was placed on the man by the country, or rather, it's something like a proof of their trust to the house of men.

Though there's generations after generations of influential people who become a noble, naturally new people are added too. The people who did a great contribution to the country, or the one who paid large sum of money. Or the people who fulfilled both criteria.

Though becoming one isn't easy, it's not hopeless either; it's relatively easy to increase. The tendency of merit system also improved in the recent years; rising fresh nobles appeared one after another; thus, the boundary between a noble and a commoner had greatly reduced compared to before.

Some of the aristocrats work in the center like Grael, but many were influential persons of their own region and many of them possessed wealth, influence, and vast plot of land in their territory.

That's also the case for the house of Alie Duo since long time ago; fortunately, they're also maintaining that power without letting it fall.

Though many of them are basically from the public figure class of the country or region... Alie wasn't interested in such matters for now.

At that time, a knocking sound resounded inside the room.

「Yes, please enter..... Ah, Suaman-niisama」

「Wha~t's the matte~r, oniichan. We're in the middle of a ladies

talk」

The one who entered the room was a youth with silky smooth dark blue colored hair. He's the eldest child of Duo house, Suaman Duo.

Despite being inside their own house, his appearance is tidy from top of his head till his toes.

「Dear mother called, Alie. Though she didn't say her business, you should be able to guess it right?」

「Ah, yes. Since I was resting in the house for a while, I told dear father that I might depart again soon」

「I see, at that time dear mother wasn't in the house. Where are you going to this time? 」

「U~h. No, that sort of thing is. I think that it would be nice if I say good things to dear father before the discussion, so not yet」

「Oneechan, your eyes are swimming. You're still bad at lying as ever」

Though Alie's twisting her body as if panicking when Koko laughed as if mocking her, it didn't have any special meaning behind.

Koko who saw her like that is laughing with “fufufu”.

「It's not the time for laughing, Koko. I've said that I'll teach you properly, right? It's already the time」

「Eh, it's that time already!? U~hn, but I'm not in the mood today, maybe next time」

「You can't. What are you going to do if the people of Duo house don't even know regarding the business and history of Neman. I'll be very strict in disciplining you since you'll skip the lessons by calling from the outside」

After Suaman's entered the room, he unhesitatingly went to seize Koko's arm.

Koko gets pulled into the library as is while screaming「DEMON TEACHE~R, THIS IS A VIOLATION OF FREEDO~M」.

Seeing that her older brother and little sister weren't that much different compared to the time before she returned, Alie's face blossomed a relieved smile while coming out of the room.

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「Not here either huh」

Mining city, Neman.

The magic tool maker, Phillipe, let out such grumbling in this big city, located further south-east than the arena city, Prowkai.

「Geez, where the hell is that guy actually」

Naturally the one who's referred 『That Guy』by Phillipe is Eiji Choukai. He has already went ahead of Eiji long time ago, but he is totally ignorant of such a thing and thus came as far as Neman.

And then, he started looking carefully inside the city, but he couldn't find the one he's looking for.

When he's thinking “Well then, what should I do now”——

「Are, if I remember it correctly, that person is—— OI ! You're Alie right ! 」

The one discovered by Phillipe is the noble who became an adventurer, the one he met somewhere in Laurel; it was the figure of Alie who was strolling in the city.

## Chapter 86D [Taking A U-Turn is for Increasing The Number of People]

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「You're.... Phillipe-sama. It's been a while. It's pleasure to meet you, how do you do?」

Alie, who recognized Phillipe, sends a courteous greeting.

Phillipe replies rapidly while nodding lightly.

「I'm safe and quite healthy. I've been looking for someone, but I can't find him anywhere」

「That must be hard. If it pleases you, I might be of some help if that person is in Neman——」

「No, that guy isn't in Neman. I thought that he might come to this place, but it seems that he's not here. You should be familiar with him too. I'm looking for Eiji」

Alie's eyes twinkled for a few seconds.

「Eiji-sama? He came to this city? 」

「I thought that he came toward this direction, but here I am, I came this far without being able to meet him. Just where's that guy loitering around.」

Phillipe's hitting his own fist.

As expected, his irritation had grown even stronger after being unable to meet the one he was looking for despite looking for a long time.

「I see, you should've been looking for him for quite a while. Maybe you guys missed each other at some point」

「Yeah, I think that's also possible. Since I think there's no way he'll come to this place first. Maybe I overtook him on the way without being able to notice it. Geez, so troublesome. Though I also want to continue looking for the materials for magic tools」



「Magic tool. In that case, you might find some of it in this place. Since there are some materials which contain a rich amount of demonic elements amongst the ones mined in the mine here」

「Ah. Come to think of it, this is Neman huh. Certainly, there's no way I'll return empty-handed. It doesn't seem to be a bad idea to look around since I rarely come to this area. I'm saved since you reminded me about this.」

「It's nothing, I am just happy to be able to be of some help to you」

Alie smiles back at him.

「Oh? Oneechan, who's that, your acquaintance? 」

Phillipe shifts his line of sight toward the high pitched voice while Alie turns around at the same time.

Behind her was a little girl with ultramarine colored hair grinning widely.

「Koko. Is oniisama's lesson already finished?」

「Yup, It's Do~~~~ne. Ha~h, I'm so tired. Is he your acquaintance? 」

「Yeah. His name is Phillipe-sama. The magic tool maker of Laurel where dear uncle is」

「I'm Phillipe. You're Koko, right? 」

Phillipe bluntly introduces himself in a way that's rather hard to say whether it really is an introduction. Thereupon, Koko approaches Phillipe while glaring at him with a rude expression.

After that, she nods several times after looking at Phillipe from head to toes, as if approving something.

「Hee, you're quite a splendid one. Oneechan, he might be enjoying a different adventure while saying things like “I love adventure”, ri~ght~」 [TL : Her words actually have a deep meaning behind it]

「W-What are you talking about, Koko? You're being rude to Phillipe-sama」

「E~h, he's not the special one? Weren't you talking about him with an extremely excited tone that you had quite an enjoyable adventure with a man in Laurel; he's not the one? He seemingly looks like a craftsman-cum adventurer like oneechan」

「The one I was adventuring with is Eiji-sama, you know」

「What, so you love another one called Eiji huh」

「Lis... TEN, you're misunderstanding, it's not something like that; how should I say, he's more like a comrade, and my feelings are closer to respect」

Though Alie is trying to explain about that to Koko in panic, Koko no longer heeded her words and faced against Phillipe instead.

Phillipe was looking at their banter with a surprised face.

「I wanted to know what kind of guy was the one oneechan was interested in, but it's regrettable. Even so, I don't think Phillipe is so bad either. If it's pleases you, please be my companion for a while」

Koko leans against Phillipe while putting a coquettish air around her, but Phillipe replies immediately with a nonchalant face.

「My apologies, I've no time for that. I came to this place to meet that Eiji guy. But since I didn't meet him, I'll finish my business in this place in a while and then start looking for him again」

Even while showing a slightly discontent face, Koko displays a smile on her face again.

Phillipe heaves a sigh at the sight of the strange person whose emotions changed in rapid succession. Then, Alie regains her composure and seizes Koko's hand.

「Please stop this, Koko. Or else, I'll be angry with you」

「Wha, don't be so serious about such things, oneechan. I'm joking you know. ... By the way, what about your conversation with dear mother? 」

「Ah, it's about that thing, since I'm about to leave Neman again. She asked so many things like where I'll go next and how long it'll take this time」

「And then, did she give an OK? 」

「Yeah. Thus, I went to shopping to prepare necessary goods. I'm sorry for doing this out of my own selfish needs, but I'll leave the house to you」

「Well, okay then, since I've been taking care of the house even without oneechan for sometime」

「That hurts a bit...」

Alie shows a gloomy expression.

So, Koko's clapping her back as if she's trying to comfort her sister.

「Ahaha, please don't be so serious like that since I'm expecting a great result. Somehow, oniichan is also making various commissions in the adventurer guild of Neman. I can say that it's a splendid thing. There's some inconvenience when you're ask for help from the adventurers when you need to do something, but it's going smoothly since oniichan is working very well」

「That is something. As expected of Suaman-niisama, nothing can pass under his nose. I was glad that I could be of some hel——AH」

At that time, Alie turns around in panic toward Phillipe.

And then bows deeply.

「My deepest apology for having such a long conversation with my family in front of Phillipe-sama」

「It's nothing, it's not like I have something special to tell about it. Can you tell me where's the adventurer guild? And the places

where they sell raw material for magic tool. It's fine whether it's from Alie or Koko」

It's practically alright from whoever it is if the person is Phillipe.

He doesn't want to talk too much. it's not like he has some interest in the lifestyle of nobles. But, he didn't think badly of them since they were relatives of Kohl.

「Then, let the two of us to be your guide. Aren't you happy for being flanked by beauties on both sides?」

「Nothing special」

「WHAT!? WHAT A CHEEKY PERSON. Trying to bluff, huh.」

「Why should I do that. Overconfident brat」

「AAh, WHAT DID YOU SAY. YOU'RE GETTING COCKY JUST BECAUSE YOU'VE A SLIGHTLY HANDSOME FACE, RIGHT?」

Koko draws closer to Phillipe and—— or so, before Alie forced her way to enter between them.

Since they're in the middle of the road, she brings them to the side.

「Phillipe-sama, I'm also planning to go to Laurel when my preparations are done」

「To meet Eiji huh ? 」

「N-No, I have no such intentions.... It's not for that, but yeah, at any rate, how about looking around the vicinity of Prowkai? That town is quite a big one, so I think there's a possibility that he'll be staying in that place for a long time」

「Prowkai huh... You're right. He should be doing so」

「If that's the case, how about going there together after both of us are done with our business in this city ? 」

「Yeah. No problem. Since searching with two people is faster」

Thus, Phillipe and Alie decided to go toward Prowkai.

Koko looks at their agreement and is talking while folding her arms.

「Fuhn. Being looking for by two people, this Eiji seems to be quite an interesting person. It makes me want to meet him for once」

「If you feel like it, won't you come with us？」

「E~h, spare me from such trouble. Please do tell me if you find that guy, oneechan. Tell him that Koko-chan wants to meet him」

Alie drops her shoulders upon hearing Koko talk in such an arrogant tone while waving both of her hands.

Phillipe feels.

That these two sister always talk in such a manner. He was relieved that Koko stayed out since it smelled like trouble if she came along in their travel.

He needs to quickly go searching for Eiji after finishing his shopping before she changed her mind.

——And then, after Phillipe and Alie were finished with their business in Neman.

They boarded the coach which headed toward Prowkai.

This time, he'll find Eiji for sure.

## Chapter 87: [The Road Toward Enrolment]

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Prowkai city roadside.

I'm running away from the pedestrians as my face has become well known after the battle against that swordsman few days ago.

But, another person managed to catch my tail.

「I have a request for the fighter, Eiji-san」

There's some innocence left on his face under his berret-like hat, but the youth was watching me with determined eyes.

He's staring intently at me.

Uhm, he just said that to me, as fighter Eiji.

I mean, I'm more or less still registered as a fighter.

It smells like trouble—— When he said that he wants to put forward a request to me——

Though I don't want to know what it is, I feel that it'll be too cruel for him if I reject his wish flatly without even listening first; so let's hear his story since if I'm going to fulfill his wishes, I'll do it by fully comprehending it without leaving immediately.

「I saw your battle a few days ago. I don't know what hit me at that time, but that was an incredible battle」

「Ah, thank you very much for your praise」

「The truth is, I want to become a magician」

「Eh, so that's the case」

「Yes. Thus, you might've known of the fact that there's a magic school in this city. It's quite famous around this area as the best place to learn magic」

Magic school.

A~h, it's that huh.

The one that advertised to me when I was investigating.

I see, maybe he wants me to go to that school.

「But, while I'm ashamed to say this, the current me isn't that proficient in magic. Since that place is quite a famous one, you need considerable skills to actually enter it」

「Hee~, there are such requirements huh. But it felt like that they were frantically trying to assemble enough students」

「Yes. Anyhow, since they receive a vast number of students, they decided to gather the higher-leveled students via the method called careful selection. Therefore, the called people keep increasing, but the people who easily become dropouts are numerous too」

He~, that's quite the heartless way.

As you continue following the path, you'll eventually end up with disappointing results. What a trap. What a trauma factory.

「Thus, I can't enter with my own abilities. But, learning magic on my own is really difficult, and I don't even know when I will get the qualification to enter it. Even so, I'm expecting that I'll identify my true ability soon by studying early」

When he said so, the youth's clenching his fist.

And then, says the following words with low and heavy voice.

「At that time, I saw Eiji beating the man who couldn't be defeated even by famous fighters using magic that I never saw. That time, I thought」

By this point, I realized by my own instinct.

No, the feeling has come too late.

「In short, you're——」

「Yes, I want you to teach me about magic ! Please ! 」

The youth is bowing deeply in front of me.

I'm having a slightly troubled expression when facing against

that as I wait for him to raise his head.

The youth raises his head a while later and looks at me with eyes that are eager for my answer.

「I'm sorry, but strictly speaking and to be honest, that's impossible」

「W-well, that's right. I do think that it is impressive or rather too sudden. But, I can't really think of what should I do——」

At that time, I noticed that the people who were walking in the alley are looking with sidelong glances toward us.

Maybe because he's not holding back with his loud voice, it can't be helped that their attention is directing toward us.

But, since I'll be in trouble if people surround us, I beckon him and then come out of the back alley toward the big plaza with variegated vegetation.

I'm currently in quite a dangerous situation in this place.

「It's not like I don't want to teach you, but it's impossible to teach you. It's the truth」

In any case, I clarify my statement after calming down a bit. The youth is tilting his head with puzzled face on hearing my response.

「You should know about class, right? 」

「Ah, Yeah. Naturally, I know about it. Even the fact that my class isn't a magician. Even so, magic is systematized so that even ones without the class can learn it to some degree; the truth is, even the magic school is teaching the method to learn magic in that way, thus——」

「Well, calm yourself first. That's where the problem is」

「That's? 」

「Yeah. I know nothing about learning magic and only raised the level of my class. That's why I can't teach you. Since, I don't



understand it too」

The youth's eyes opened wide when he heard my words.

He must have been truly surprised, well it can't be helped since that's the truth. It might turn into a troublesome matter, since I don't even understand what to teach him in the first place.

「T-That's impossible. You use such a wide variety of magic; it's something unobtainable just with normal class. Even if your class is a magician」

「But, I'm telling the truth. You might think that I'm lying though」

「Ah, no, I am thinking in that manner...」

The youth is showing an uncomfortable expression, but it becomes a surprised expression in the next moment.

「No way, you have multiple classes? It must be the reason, right!？」

「Well, that's correct. As for what class it is, it's a trade secret」

「Amazing ! You're so amazing ! Though these kind of people aren't that rare, Eiji-san is still too amazing ! .....Ah, my apologies. I was in such high spirits. But still, that's the reason huh. If that was the case, your dimension is completely different from mine since the very beginning. I was so naive for doing something like asking you to teach me」

When that realization dawns upon him, his merry spirit sinks in a moment.

Maybe he's actually the type that possesses fairly extreme emotions.

But, he seems a bit pitiable now.

He should be okay if I can do something for him though. But it can't be done by me.

「Ah, that's right, how about this idea」

「Yes？」

「It can't be helped that I can't do anything, but it should be okay if you're able to personally experience the enrolment of the school right? Since you'll take the application, therefore——」

「I-I can't do that you know. It'll become a laughing matter if it's said by someone like me」

「It should be okay since it's not like you're their student」

「Even if it's for my own personal experience, there's something called a minimum level requirement」

「Is it? You can go to the library in the meantime and ask the teacher or student to teach you about magic; you can do various things, and record various things; if you train yourself later even if your personal experience has ended, I thought that it's better than worrying endlessly」

But, the youth is shaking his head furiously upon hearing my self-proclaimed nice idea.

「That's impossible for me. Maybe I'll be called as an incompetent person who can't do anything if I get enrolled in the school. No, I'm sure that'll happen. If I think about the previous things carefully, it's already painful just on hearing it」

I see, I see.

Well, it'll definitely be painful for him if he's the only one who can't use magic when the people around him can do that. He's sentimental even though it's a rational idea.

「Really. Well, it can't be helped if that's the case. It should be okay if you take each step carefully by yourself along a steady path; there's still your regular life even if you do not become a magician in the first place, so it might be better for you to not brood so much about the school. To fail is quite hard. Just because there's

something that you want to do, it doesn't mean that you have to continue doing it until you suffer failure」

That moment, the youth eyes changed as if it was glaring at me.

There's perspiration on his face that's turning red.

「As expected of Eiji-san... That's too much, isn't it」

「Yes? 」

「That's expected from the person who fought at the last moment in the arena. You are worried about me, but it feels like I am being looked down, right? This is the standard, huh. It's like I am fighting with my life on the line」

「EH? 」

「It's as you say. It seems I've not entirely put my resolve on it and have not prepared to receive abuse, shame, or failure despite saying that I want to become a magician. I think that's the truth; this might be a revelation for how far my resolution is. As expected, I'm still too naive. Though I'm thinking about doing big things, I still don't want to think about how difficult it is. Moreover, I'm even bothering another person who's already busy himself. My apologies ! 」

Thus, the youth is bowing his head again.

Uuhm.

Could it be that he somehow took my words as sarcasm toward him, I wonder.

I thought that it's okay for him to take it easy and not fuss too much with his true feeling, but it feels like I just set the fire in his heart.

Certainly, it could be considered as a way of saying so.

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「Yeah, that's right. That way is better. You don't know whether you can do it or not, but it's better if you're at least trying to do it. Since you won't succeed unless you try, there's no loss in it even if you end up in failure」

「YES ! Understood ! You just opened my eyes ! 」

Yosh, just use that emotion to somehow say a slightly nice thing.

Thank god it settled peacefully.

... Even so, he's right huh.

In that case, me too——

To motivate him, I clap the shoulder of the youth who's looking at the direction of the magic school with my fingers.

The youth's turning around as I speak to him.

「In that case, I also have something that I wish for you to teach me——」

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「Eh!? You want to enter the school!? Why? Someone at your level shouldn't need that right?」

The youth is turning around around with a surprised expression.

Well, it might be a bit of surprise for him if an adult suddenly says that he want to study. But, lifelong study is the most important matter right now.

「Well, as I said before, I don't know any magic except for the ones that I learnt upon levelling up. But, I want to explore another way to learn about magic other than increasing my level. I don't know whether I'll be able to do it or not, but it'll increase my choices if I can learn it」

So I thought to ask him about his story.

Well, I was pondering about this matter for a while after I came to know about the existence of that school, but I'm going to learn magic with a completely different method —— I thought that magic which I learnt with a different methodology could be used in combination with other skills—— if that's true, it'll widen my choices far from before.

In that case, I feel that it isn't such a bad thing to go to the school.

I'm always wondering what they do inside the school from which exaggerated sounds keep resounding. There won't be any other experience such as this one.

The truth is, I really want to go in there and study along with the other students, but I don't want to lost my own free time.

「As expected of Eiji-san」

When I'm pondering about such things, that youth was looking

at me with glistening eyes.

「You're so strong, yet you're not staying idle and continue to keep advancing even further. You are even asking someone weaker than yourself to teach you something. And yet, I keep hesitating whether I can keep up with the school」

「You're exaggerating」

「That is no exaggeration. But, yes, I'll tell you what I learn in there」

「Thank you very much. Yeah, thank you very much e~r..... What's your name?」

「Ah sorry, I forgot to introduce myself. My name is Talc. Best regards, Eiji-san」

Talc and I then swore to enter the Prowkai magic school together with a handshake.

Prowkai magic school.

It is a school that taught historical magic as it is; it is a school that teaches various things about regarding magic such as education to become a wizard, the method to create magic tools, and imparts knowledge related to magic.

Despite being called as a school, the interior is more like a combination of school and research center; moreover, there's no age restriction for entering it. Old and young students will take the lessons together.

One thing for sure is the fact that this school is a high leveled one, there are many students who learn in this school and there's the fact that entering the school is as hard as graduating from it. So, it's only normal for this school to create many competent magicians.

Hence, I decided to enter and participate in the test of the first day of enrolment.

The period is two weeks.

First, is to come and gather in one of the classrooms and then the orientation starts.

Talc is also right beside me.

Around thirty people are sitting quietly inside the room and then, a lecturer enters the classroom and introduces himself.

「Thank you very much for participating in the entrance test of this magic school. I hope you know first that whatever you'll learn in this place will greatly affect you when you're doing your research about magic」

I quietly listen to his explanations and the rules while thinking that he's someone who normally speaks with smile on his face; at that time, the lecturer points outside the door.

「I'm really sorry for coming as soon as you've gathered together, but in the end, everything still depends on your own self. As expected, you'll eventually have to do this to know about your own qualifications. So, let's go to measure just how much you affinity with magic is」

The lecturer then left the class after saying so.

We also follow behind him immediately.

That lecturer then turns around his skinny body while caressing his own beard.

And we keep walking right behind him.

I'm more concerned about the unusual things from this school.

It's not that different from the contemporary modern classrooms, the regular classrooms, the corridor, and the occasional special classes. It also has an infirmary and a teachers room.

It's even more so when they are made with material close to concrete. I remember that the concrete was used to construct the

Coliseum in the ancient Rome. So, it's not a strange thing if concrete exists in a civilization of this level.

After walking for a while, we finally arrived at the yard behind the school building.

There's a wide and empty field on this place; the other teaching staff are present, along with some items that I don't know what they are.

「Well then, let us see it in this place. There's nothing special in the way to do this, just show us your most skilled magic」

Following the words of the lecturer, the students leave for various places in the field.

Talc then comes and speaks with me.

「I'll do this Eiji-san. I'm not at that level yet, but I won't know that until I try it right ! 」

「Yeah. Do your best」

Talc's nodding slightly as I cheer him, and then went toward the huge tub filled with some kind of water.

He's walking tall as if he's already used to it.

His gait is firm. He somehow managed to make his resolution.

In that case, he seems to have learned many things during this entrance test.

I've no need to worry then.

... Well then, now it's my turn to move toward my test place. But, before that——」

I went toward one of the students.

He's a blonde haired man with tall height and a handsome but transient face.

That man also moved toward my direction.



「What are you doing here, Jackrosa?」

「.... Same goes for you, Eiji」

Somehow, Jackrosa Tetra was amongst the students in this place without anyone noticing it.

Or not, I just realized that it was him.

I saw him three times, but the teacher is whispering while looking toward us. So, we're in the same position.

「To learn about magic. I think I'll be able to do more things if I have the proper knowledge about magic since no one ever taught me about magic. And what about you? 」

「Because I lost in the previous battle」

「Lost? 」

Jackrosa is nodding lightly.

「By that assassin—— Isakuza. I can't beat him in spite of using my spear. And yet, Eiji, you beat him with your sword and magic. I was always doing my best while fighting with my spear with the feeling that it was enough for me, but I think that I can do better if I know other things too」

I see, he's still regretting that last tournament huh.

He is really regretting about that event.

「But, I think it's better to know and learn about several things」

「You're right, I also think the same way as you. But, I felt that it was better if we experienced it personally rather than choosing not to do that without even knowing about it」

「Certainly. Well then, from now on is the world unknown to us. So, let's do our best」

「.... Yeah, you too Eiji」

Thus, we went to the measurement device.

「Say, how about your injury!？」

The next moment I said those words, my feet stopped.

Yup, that wound will usually make you feel pain for sometime and yet, are you sure that you can attend the school?

Jackrosa replies with a sharp gaze.

「I'm already 90% healed」

「EEEEEEEEH」

Humans are creatures who get hurt easily.

But when I look carefully at him, there are almost no scratches on his body.

What the hell is with that healing power.

Is his regeneration also high due to his high defense?

「Humans sure are amazing」

「? I don't understand what are you talking about, but let's go」

「Yeah, I'll go too」

After knowing about such things, it's finally the time for my test.

Well then, which direction should I go to.

They said that the tools on the field will tell them about our power.

Even if I say that my magic is quite good, the only one I use quite frequently is magic arrow. Because this magic is the one that cannot be easily discerned by another person and hence the best one from my experience.

So, I go toward one corner of the ground, in the direction from which I came.

The lecturer on that place will be the one who's put in charge of me.

「Oh, show your magic and fire it toward the target. And please

use your most powerful one too」

Following that.

I see many of the students in my surrounding do their best with their magic.

In some other place, I saw the students using healing magic or nature manipulation.

In that case, I'll do it with the focus in my magical power.

When comparing that with the magic that I have, each of my magic is of a higher level than the one in this place.

In that case, am I already doing fine?

I think for a while and then turn around.

「What's the matter？」

「Nope, it's nothing special but, can I use that as my target？」

There's a block on the corner of the ground.

That block, made from concrete and stone, is just neglected as it is.

「You can but——」

「Understood」

As soon as I hear the teacher saying that while touching his beard, the first thing that I do is use reinforcement magic from magic enhancement upon myself while using sorcery to weaken the durability of the block.

And then, I released the magical arrow filled with magical power and I shot it through the block.

Moreover, when I fired the water ball with the power of Undine toward the block, numerous cracks were produced on its surface and it fell to pieces.

「And that's it」

The teacher stopped touching his beard.

The other new students are also looking at me with gaping mouths.

After being frozen for a while, the teacher goes toward the rubble of the block and then picks it while looking at me.

「Did you use reinforcement magic just now？」

「Eh, you noticed that？ Yeah, I'm using four of them」

「What the？」

The teachers are staring with dumbfounded expressions at me while shouting in a low voice.

「Such variety of magic along with your precision and power is just——」

And then he left the rubble and marched toward my direction.

「Hey, tell me your name」

「Eiji」

「Do you have some time after the class, Eiji-kun？ At least——At least, are you interested with the advanced course」

While making a guts pose in my mind, I heave a grand sigh with a slightly curved smile as my expression and bow lightly.

「Please, by all means」

It also serves as a scouting ground for me, I can find the owner with a unique power, even if don't find in this place, I can still enrich my knowledge with the knowledge from the school; seeing that there's a chance for me to learn about magic deeply, I'll learn it bit by bit to master it.

With this, I can see how deep the magical school is during the first day of the entrance examination. Fufufu, it seems this will be getting interesting.

## Chapter 89 [Advanced Class]

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「In spite of just registering, since he exhibited the most superior ability amongst the students who are taking the entrance examination, I have decided to make him participate in the advanced class for the time being. Well, that aside, let's study along with him」

The lecturer of magic school——Crane Kinke—— is introducing me who's standing beside his podium. The students in the class, regardless of their age, are looking curiously at me.

That's just natural since this kind of case is truly a rare one.

「Well then, feel free to sit on the empty seat」

「Yes」

I'll sit on the empty seat at the back row.

While receiving the curious gazes of 30 people——

Why did this happen to me?

The reason is my beyond excellent scores during the entrance test.

Not just limited to the teacher who witnessed that test, I was even being invited to join the class in which the students who had already learn advanced magic before joining the school studied.

Naturally, I did agree to it due to the following two reasons.

First is I can experience the higher degree of magic first hand.

And the other reason is——

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That's the result of Parasite's analysis of one of the students of this class. Naturally, I did that when I passed by her side without her noticing it.

I touched her with parasite with a smooth manoeuvre.

For me, due to most of the cases that I experienced until now, I strengthened the touching sensation along with [Stealth Art] at the moment I touched, along with the fact that she's wearing a thin silk dress and doesn't know whether I'm touching her or not, making it easy to parasitize her.

I have no need to resort to the "accidentally falling method".

In fact, this female student doesn't even care about that and keeps copying the notes on the board in front of the class.

This is not a skill which I obtained from a class but a skill which I got from my parasite class, my original skill class.

I don't even feel that I'm extending my own skill toward the wrong direction in full force.

Well, it's not like I'm going to misuse it. I arrive at my seat and then proceed to follow the classroom lesson.

Even so, this is the first day and I have already fulfilled my first reason.

The second reason is also smoothly sailing.

If there's a magic school which is gathering the elites, there must be rare magic user amongst them. And don't you agree that many of them might be users of advanced magic?

This is the reason why I applied to the advanced class.

This is looking good. A training art user is my first class.

I can latch my parasite on the students in this class while learning magic other than the ones that I learn from parasite – it's just like tasting two dishes in one bite.

Well then, let's take the class more seriously.

Today is the first day of the class.

The lecturer is teaching us about how to learn magic efficiently.

Though it's quite a difficult matter to me since I've no knowledge

of the essentials, there are several ways to understand the magic from what I learned this time.

And one of them is to feel when using that magic.

It is a method to learn how to use the magic by remembering the magic flow and change, ingrain it into your body, and then mimic the same.

Even if it's easy to say, it's actually really difficult to feel something that happens inside one's own body and outside. And even more so to mimic it with one's own body. Thus, one needs a long time to learn magic.

By connecting the demon elements outside one's body to inner body, spreading the connection even further or doing something similar to increase the efficiency. But, since I don't have a full grasp on it yet, this is as far as I can tell.

But, as I expected, magic that can be learnt isn't just one. In other words, I can expect that I'll get many skills in the class which I can't learn normally. I'm more excited now.

By the way since it'll take a long time for the other people, it seems one will need the assistance of the magic tool so that they can feel the demon elements.

That's why there are some stories through which I can get the history of magic, the social relationship and the *raison d'être* of a magician, magic tools etc.

All of these lessons are truly useful and very interesting. More refreshing stories than any others. Even so, I often succumbed to my drowsiness whenever I heard my teacher's story in my original world, so I did some review after returning to my inn.

Someday, when we're spending some free time after the lesson is finished.

「How's your school experience, Eiji?」

「It's perfect, Su」

A glasses wearing man in his late teens is calling me. His name is Su. He's a magician who has silky smooth hair which is the target of the envy of woman.

We naturally talked with each other since his seat is right beside mine. After talking to him, I can feel that he's the caring and serious type.

「I've a better understanding of the lesson thanks to your teaching, Su」

「Though everyone does the same thing, it's rare for someone to come to the advanced class directly from the entrance examination, so you're basically a rare creature」

「Rare creature?」

I'm pointing at myself, and then Su nods right after that to affirm my guess.

「Oi」

「Ahaha, my bad, I'm joking you see. But, I'm honestly surprised since I never thought that there could be a person directly coming the entrance examination. I heard the stories about you displaying an overwhelming power in the test that was meant to measure your personal ability, and how did you do that?」

Su bends his body forward.

Su always talks using this kind of formal speech. It's a good thing and always seems courteous to others. I can say that he's just like Alie.

「How I did it? I just used various kind of magic and then raised their power a bit」

「Fuhn, I already heard about that part——」

「Yeah. Definitely not trivial」



I suddenly heard the voice of a third person cutting our conversation.

It's calm and composed but loud too.

When I look at the owner of the voice.

「No one who just entered is suddenly forced to go to into the advanced class. It's already strange by itself. It was a close fight in spite of me using my magic tool in the training yesterday. There's nothing trivial in it. Eiji is either using money, connections, or maybe other illegal methods」

It's a cold and merciless remark from a female classmate.

Her age is maybe around Su, and thus despite being younger than me, she'll always be my senpai in the school.

Her name is Minan.

And I'm ignoring her who's staring daggers at me.

「I swear to the god of heaven and earth that I'm not doing such things. It might be a something rare, but I definitely am not guilty for sure」

「As if I will believe such a blatant lie. Moreover, I'm your senpai, so use polite language when you are talking to me」

「What are you saying just now, Minan! All of us who are studying in this place are comrades no matter how old you are, what your job is, or your gender is, isn't that clearly defined in the school rules?」

「Shut up, Su! I'm not even sure that we're comrades since I have come this far after such hardships. And yet, aren't you feeling bitter when he passed so easily with such a light-hearted feeling」

「Nope, absolutely not.」

「Whaaat!? Su, are you even sane!? Listen to me Eiji, I won't recognize you as a comrade. If you want my recognition, then show us your power」

Minan is pointing her finger to me while adding 「Not like you can show it though」.

I am silently looking at her finger.

「Well, it's not like I'm going to try to gain your recognition. That aside, since I am planning to go to the library after this, see you later guys」

I told her as I stand up from my seat and quickly walk toward the door.

At that time, someone firmly caught my shoulder.

「Wait a minute, what's with that manner of speech? It's as if you're not recognizing me at all」

「Aren't you saying the same thing to him, Minan」

「SHUT UP, SU!」

「Calm down guys, and you said that “If there's a chance”, am I right Minan? Thus, since I've some matters to attend today, see you later guys」

Since I feel that I'll be entangled in troublesome matters if things keep going on in this way, I hastily leave this place while saying my goodbyes to the two of them.

Sorry for abandoning you, Su.

I'll leave this place to you. So I said to him.

Though I hear that someone is shouting 「WAIT RIGHT THERE!」 from behind, I leave the classroom without turning around.

# Chapter 90 [Magical Power Comparison]

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## Pt 1

When I told them that I'm entering the probationary period in magic school, Ruu's and Risa Haruna's reactions are rather lukewarm.

Since none of us have any kind of goal, and if there is any, it was just for traveling and doing something that you normally don't do.

And I think I'm enjoying it.

Naturally, we were having private time when going to various place and doing our best to enjoy it.

For that reason, I chose to attend the probation period of the school and do my best to learn magic.

That's why, I often coming to the library.

「Good grief, such a hard to please girl」

I'm thinking about Minan's face while standing in front of the bookshelf.

Her bob-cut hair and the miniskirt is her everyday wear.

There's a burnt scar on her hand which made me think whether it has something to do with alchemy.

## Pt 2

I often think about her and spy at her, but in spite of her hatred against me, she's definitely an adept in alchemy.

I'm not thinking about taking the alchemist class yet as I don't have a good image in her mind.

Well then, such a thing won't be a problem to me within this trial period.

「I see...」

There, I'm muttering such words while flipping the page of the book.

There are many kinds of book about magic, whether it from east or west, in the library located at the northern part of the academy. Even a freshman can take their time to read the books that are kept here.

There are several kinds of magic used by a mage. They include magic arrows, magic bullets, and magic swords, but even those following the path of an alchemist can use these kind of magic under certain circumstances.

It seems they can make something to some extent like making clay with magical power.

Magic arrow, magic bullet, and then magic sword—— Though there are magician who can use them, it seems the alchemist also can use those magic upon satisfying certain criteria.

It'll become an amazing ability if it gets added to my repertoire of skills.

I'm lucky to be able to meet Minan. And I am more than willing to hear her say, "I will become your friend".

And then, I'll say, "Okay, let me to think about it."

Next, I found a book that explains about how to summon an animal, so I read it.

This is it— found you!!

## Pt 3

『Variation summon beast. In spite of being an extremely rare case, there are some cases in which the summoned beast can change their form after being summoned. And then they'll become a new beast upon fulfilling certain criteria』

I found the description about the summoned beast that will

evolve after the summoning.

There are few reasons why I came to this place, one of them was to know something about my summon beast, Hana.

Recently, it's evolution isn't functioning the way it should be, that's why I decided to look for a way to evolve him and the methods to control it.

I start concentrating even more to read the contents of the book.

So time goes on.

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Alright.

I understood now.

So, I have decided.

Though I want to learn magic, I also want my summoned beast to become more powerful.

Which one should we start from then—— Uhn, it should be the summoned beast.

「Then, let's do this」

So, I placed the book back at its original location.

## Pt 4

「『Features And Classification of Summon Beast』. You can use a summoned beast, can't you, Eiji?」

「Yeah, more or less, now let's talk a——EH? MINAN!?!」

Suddenly, I hear the voice of a girl with brown hair and bob cut style.

Her figure looks like a predatory bird in my eyes, and then I look at her direction.

「We'll see a good thing, so follow me」

Minan forcibly dragged me out of the library.

Thus, I leave the library.

‘Eh, what is happening?’ is what I am thinking, but so be it.

I don’t know why it came to this, but what is this ‘good thing’ that she said a while ago?

What can I get by seeing it, is it enjoyable?

When such matters are rolling around inside my head——

I look at Minan’s face.

Though she look cools, for some reason, she is showing a sadistic triumphant smile.

And, she is walking with large strides.

——She doesn’t seems to be disappointed, but I might be wrong.

## Pt 5

No, in fact, I don’t think she’s in regret. I know that since Minan’s back is forming a good line.

「Here we are ! 」

This is the place where I released several of my composite skill on one corner of the ground to measure the power of my magic. I also use a corner of the ground as my training area.

The stones and lumber were piling up beautifully. It’s just like the place where I tested my power a few days ago.

There, I saw Suu.

「You really brought him along huh, Minan」

「Naturally. Now get away from there, Suu」

When Minan sent a signal to drive away Suu with her arms, Suu, who was examining the lumber and stones, was looking at me with an apologetic face.

「And then, what are we going to do?」

So, I ask as if trying to perceive her intentions.

Minan is pointing her finger while raising her magical power.

「The magic academy of this Prowkai isn't that kind of easy school. And amongst them, not even 10 % have the chance to attend the advanced class. Suu and I managed to learn in that class after tremendous effort and hardship」

I nod at her words in silence.

## Pt 6

「And yet, you just suddenly entered the class, Eiji. Such a thing is impossible to happen. So, you should have used some unfair means. I just can't figure out whether it is via your connections or bribery」

Minan is pointing her finger at me as if to denounce the criminal.

Yeah, in fact, I just want to know the limit of my power. I fear that it'll be troublesome to say that.

「No, I just used my magic normally and then that teacher, Klein-sensei said that I have to participate in the advanced class」

「As if I'm going to believe that! You can't enter the advanced class just like that. Even if that is true, the exam to enter should be a high leveled one. So, I expect that you already learned from somewhere」

「Uhm, should I say that there's something that I don't know 」

「And all of that is lead to one conclusion – Eiji, you have not entered the advanced class through your real skills」

Minan said those words with a serious expression. I want to retort to her detective-like way of speech, but so be it.

「No, in fact, it's different from what you say, please trust me」

Since she is a rare alchemist, I want to become her friend. I think it'll be more efficient to demonstrate my skills while parasitizing on her.

Moreover, I can feel that her gaze when I talk to Suu is rather terrifying, so I want to soften her gaze for a bit.

## Pt 7

「Minan, you are being rude to him. I'm sorry Eiji. Minan is often mistaken as a violent person. And still childish on that side. But still, it's true that I'm also jealous of you since I've my own share of troubles. But, she definitely isn't a bad girl」

「It's nothing, Suu. I'm neither angry nor I feel uncomfortable around you. In fact, I never even doubted you」

「It's as if I'm the bad child here. You men」

When Suu followed along, as if it's already planned before, there's a crowd starting to surround Minan.

「Good news, everyone. I have come here to show you guys that Eiji isn't qualified to enter advanced class with my magic」

Minan is gathering her magical power on her palm.

With such concentration of magical power, it's as if— No, it's different.

It's real.

「Is this the power of an alchemist—-!」

「That's right. Look at her eyes. It's an alchemist javelin」

Minan threw the blue colored spear-shaped air in her hand.

She threw it like throwing a spear, and she easily threw countless javelins toward a tree that was dozens of metres ahead of her which then split into two parts.

Moreover, all her javelins hit the target. This is her difference



from a trickster. As an extremely practical weapon, even more so when the speed and the attack can be adjusted.

## Pt 8

What a nice skill, a sight to be seen.

I turn my gaze toward Minan who is at her peak condition.

Somehow...

She was looking at me with a triumphant look that she never expressed before.

Never did I expect to see her showing this kind of face.

But I know that this is the result of her training. That's why she can show that kind of face and act in that way.

I guess I should do the best I can do to gain her recognition.

「How is that. Though this much must be a piece of cake, can you do it? No, I guess you can't right——」

「I can, you know」

「EH——？」

「It's okay as long as I show a similar level of magic with yours, right?」

Maybe because I calmly muttered those words, Minan's eyebrow creased.

「Do you really mean what you say?」

「Naturally. Foolishness does not exist in my character.」

「...No more words. Let me see whether you are stronger than me. Alchemist Shield!」

She materialized her magical power like before.

## Pt 9

Yup, this time, defense is more important than offense.

This is a tower shield that is even taller than her height.

「Well then, shoot your magic on my shield. I'm going to send them back to you」

「Can I? I mean, I can make a shield too, you know」

「That's unreasonable. The stronger one should be on defensive side, right?」

She's glaring at me with an unflinching gaze.

Those are the eyes that are filled with self-confidence on her own power.

「He~h, I see. Okay then. Put your everything into your shield, Minan. Since it won't become a test of power unless you do so」

「How confident of you! I hate that guts of yours, but as you wish, since you know the manner of giving your best once you start doing it」

「Nice, then I'll come at you with every bit of my power」

We were beginning to knead our magical power in front of Suu, who was looking at us with an excited face.

I'm using enchant magic on myself. Divine protection of Ondine. Magic Charge. Defense Penetration. Power of Nature——.

Weakening curse on the shield made by Minan. Law of All——.

Piling up the support skills one above the other.

And then, I gather my magical power toward the tip of my finger.

If your opponent is telling me that she'll use her everything, then it's just the right manner for me to use my everything too.

## Pt 10

「Here I come. I'll use magic arrow」

「That is the most basic magic of a magician. Such a measly thing...」

「Yup. That's why it's better」

Minan can only use such a confident look in her eyes till this point.

Right after this, I shoot a magic arrow with my everything, just as I promised.

A silence descended for a while.

The sound of a rock exploding resounded across the surrounding.

Minan is looking from behind the shield with a dumbfounded face.

My arrow pierced through the shield, passed right beside Minan's face, and then pulverized the huge rock behind her.

It pulverized the rock with a small hole on it.

「WHAT THE!?!」

Minan continues to blink for a long time, while touching her shield that got its side destroyed. And then, she turns around to gaze at the pulverized rock with a robot-like movement.

She closed her eyes, and then looks at me again.

Suu is also repeating the same set of actions as her.

Minan dropped her shield and then walked with an unsteady gait.

「W-What the hell are you?」

「I-I don't know what to say, but, are you really just enrolling for a trial?」

「IT'S A LIE !」

Minan's scream reverberated throughout the training ground.

# Chapter 91 [Sometimes, Yesterday's Enemy is Today's Ally]

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## Part 1

「What are you doing, Eiji?」

「Yeah, What are you doing, Eiji?」

「Even if you ask what I'm doing...」

Currently, I'm pitted on the training ground by my two classmates.

The reason is because I used my strongest magic.

「Uhm, did you recognize my abilities now?」

When I asked so, Minan nods with a sullen look on her face. I heaved a sigh of relief on seeing her reaction and was happy for Suu who also showed the same reaction as me.

「Upon seeing such powerful magic, I realized that money or connections doesn't matter anymore. There's no doubt that you entered the advanced class with your own abilities, but there's even more to that」

She said those words to me with a satisfied but serious look on her face while walking toward me.

「That's why something's been on my mind. How can you get such powerful magic? What is the basis for such powerful magic. Please tell me!」

In spite of being expressionless, a fiery passion seems to be hidden beneath her eyes.

Even though I experienced her cold treatment first hand, I'm really starting to cherish this kind of honest people.

「Okay. Since I understand, please maintain some distance

between us, please ! 」

So, I stop them while smiling at them.

「I see, so that's the situation」

Minan is nodding upon hearing my story without much of a change in her expressions.

I told her that the secret of my power was nothing but power up and ability up on myself, while downgrading the power of my opponent at the same time.

Though I can't tell them how I got such diverse abilities, I did mention the reason why I entered this school – I didn't know a majority of my own magic.

「You really are amazing, Eiji. Even though your methods are the results from your self-learning. Even I am excited by such findings」

「Me too. I think your performance is even beyond my expectations, Eiji」

Minan also followed Suu, with the same expressionless face.

It feels strange to me when they pour such praises upon my power. I'm saying this because I know about each of their personalities; however, so be it. This matter has ended with this.

Suddenly, Minan opens her mouth.

「——Do you want to say something ? 」

「Something ? 」

「I just think that you have vast knowledge about magic, right? In that case, can you answer some of my questions?」

「Okay, ask your questions Eiji」

I looked at them and unintentionally smiled broadly.

It seems they noticed my intention.

「Here. This is the shop where they sell magic tools」

「WOAAAAAAAAAH...」

They brought me to another part of the school.

It's a co-operative store which sell tools related to magic. From books to raw material which have a tinge of magical power, to magic tools, to stationery and lunch boxes.

When I follow Suu and Minan who were beckoning toward me, we arrived inside of a doubtful room which sold all kind of things such as claws, splinters, and even leaves.

「Speaking of strong magic, it's this. Is it really okay if I let my summoning beast to eat these things?」

「It's possible if it's only this much. Can you show your summoning beast to us?」

Minan is nodding while Suu tells me so.

「Naturally. We came together for such reason」

They tell me about the things that are sold in this place as I buy the things which caught my interest. Things such as the feather which held fire attribute, sacred tree with water attribute, and holy light trapped inside a crystal.

If you're to ask what I'm going to do with such things.

The answer is in the book that I read from before in the library.

My summon beast, Hana is growing according to what he eats, and yet it has not evolved lately.

And then, I realized that the answer lied in density.

It seems he needs to accumulate a certain amount of demon element inside his body to evolve. The necessary density becomes deeper in accordance to his evolution, and the current Hana is lacking in that density.

In short, he can't evolve even if he ate a lot of things with thin

density of demon element or weak monsters.

This is the reason.

This is the reason why I let him eat stuff I bought from the magic tools store to let him evolve.

I keep buying things while hearing their explanation in order to make Hana evolve.

My dream is to make him strong. I would like for him to turn into something like a greater demon who can use four elements magic.

A great summoner who can subdue a greater demon.

Sounds good to me.

「Well then, all of these please」

「Are you really going to buy all of these? Quite a luggage huh. The items sold in this place is quite expensive, you know.」

Suu is frowning as he looked at what I bought. It seems to be a surprise for him.

But I have quite bit of money on myself due to the payment from the coliseum.

## Part 2

「Your economic situation is quite good huh, Eiji. Since you have that kind of skills, are you active as a professional magician?」

「A magician is nothing more than a traveller, a fighter, a pioneer... Well, that's why they get their payment for everything they do, right?」

「As I thought, you have enough skills to acquire that kind of funds, right? So jealous! I won't lose in order to not be worried about the funding of my magic research」

Suu decided so with a strong gleam in his eyes.

Even Minan was fired up by that. In that instant, I recall the time when I was a student in the school. That's again one of the reasons why I entered this academy.

I left after buying several items and then slowly looked at the stores in the vicinities.

「Nevertheless, there are so many things related to magic. Not just raw material, even magic tools. As expected of the magic academy, they can making magic tools too?」

「Naturally, there must be people who specialize in making these tools work here. A portion of this place is left for people to make magic tools, and there are even those that come from outside. Basically, both of them stay here to use the resources available」

Naturally, because it also has something to do with magic, the school takes charge in lending a helping hand with something that may have a relationship with magic tool. There must be people who learn to make magic tools like Phillipe in this place.

They also design and develop new magic tools in this place.

「Excepting the magic tools that are sold here, there are many unsold magic tools. Crystal or cane that can seal powerful magic or magic boards that could memorize magic. Because one part is



managing and researching those above them」

「The coliseum, where those professional fighters fought against each other, is very famous, but little do they know that the safety measures that were used in the coliseum were developed by the researchers here」

「Eh, that defensive measure?」

When I show such a perplexed reaction, both Minan and Suu are displaying triumphant smiles.

「Yeah. The dead copy was made by researching a treasure that could make an absolute non-aggression barrier called 『Untouchable Left Hand』. But, despite being a copy, the necessary skill and cost required to maintain the barrier far exceed any other magic tools」

「You even have a treasure? And here I thought that there was only some individuals who managed them」

「More than just owning them, those items were for the winner. In other words, we can research about treasures in this place. It can even be used as a kind of experience. Not just a treasure, even the magic crystals and magic tools that are being used for research in the academy were obtained via various routes 」

It is considerably troublesome to look for treasures or demon crystals in any place. Magic academy is awesome and definitely worth it for the trials they provided us initially.

「Try to touch that one——」

「We can't right, we are just students after all」

「Ri~ght」

Well, one needs to make a proper application in order to use any one of them for research. Well, I might be able to ask for that as a demonstration with my status as trial student, so I should probably speak with the teacher.

Let's check the magic raw materials and magic tools little by little.

Now is the turn for beast summon.

So, we came to the ground again. I rarely see another student when I'm training on the ground.

No walls of ice is growing from the ground, no "AAH" screams that occur when an explosion happens upon students waving their cane, it is quite the pleasant scene.

I use summon magic at the corner of the ground.

「Summon... ! Use it now」

「Yup. Well, please wait for a while」

「That's strange. What... The hell is that ? 」

Minan's eyes twitched as she showed a dumbfounded face.

Hana is standing right there along her line of sight.

Currently, Hana could be highly praised as a mop creature.

Even I am looking at it dubiously with a soft expression.

「Even I don't know what it is. It has an unkempt appearance. It looks like clump of seaweed; even so, it is a nice guy. Well then...」

I'm showing the things that I bought to Hana.

「Are you hungry now, Hana?」

「I'm always hungry when it comes to delicious things, master!」

Hana is moving her nose closer to the item that I bought for her. According to what was written in the book, summoning beast eats everything.

「Well, try to eat these then, you might be able to evolve after that」

「E-vol... ve? Then, I'll change into a new being when I eat different things, sounds great... I'm hungry now. Can I eat these? 」

「Too fast ! Naturally, I bought these things for that reason, after all」

「It smells so good... Let's dig in ! 」

Though I tried to smell it, these things seem to be odourless to my nose.

I can feel that these things, filled with the smell of demon elements, are extremely delicious and full of nutrition for her. No doubt about it. Certainly.

And when it comes to the balance of elements like fire, ice, or thunder, as long as Hana had a balanced nutrition, it can't be helped if it ends up achieving balance with many eleme——!?.

While I am thinking about such things, Hana, still in the middle of a meal, is suddenly letting out a bright light.

Here it comes.

It's the light of evolution that I'm familiar with!

The light is getting stronger.

The next moment after the light wrapped upon Hana's body——  
The light slowly darkened, and it came out from inside the darkness.

「O——-H? Is... This ? 」

「Somehow, it turned into a cute being」

Suu is smiling happily.

I can understand why he's smiling like that.

The reason is because an armadillo-like creature is sitting on its rear with four short limbs in front of it, along with a small tail attached to its rear.